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Potpourri 2003



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as seasons change...


A photograph of a stone wall in the foreground, a green lawn, trees, and a white building in the background. The wall is made of rough, stacked stones. The lawn is bright green with shadows from trees. The building is white with large windows and columns. The sky is bright and overexposed.

As seasons change, our lives progress
through bad times and the good.
We made it through the year
though we never thought we would.

In spring we witnessed flowers bloom
and green became the field.
Summer brought us rows of crops
and harvest it did yield.





A photograph of two cheerleaders in white and blue uniforms running on a green field. The cheerleader in the foreground is wearing a white top with blue and white chevron patterns and the word "DEMONS" in blue. She is also wearing a white skirt. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

Autumn came and leaves did turn
and fall onto the ground.
Winter brought us home for Christmas
and what a love we found.

As seasons change we find ourselves
back on the road again.
The road of life will take us home
to our families and our friends.

-Dan Grissom





as seasons change...

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(summer)

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88-209

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226-241

(spring)

Sports: Baseball, basketball, etc.

Student Life: SROW Conference

Academics: President Bush hires UL President Bobby Jindal

(summer)

Sports: Demons drafted to the pros

Student Life: West Nile outbreak

Academics: Summer classes

(fall)

Sports: Football, volleyball, etc.

Student Life: NSU Remembers September 11th

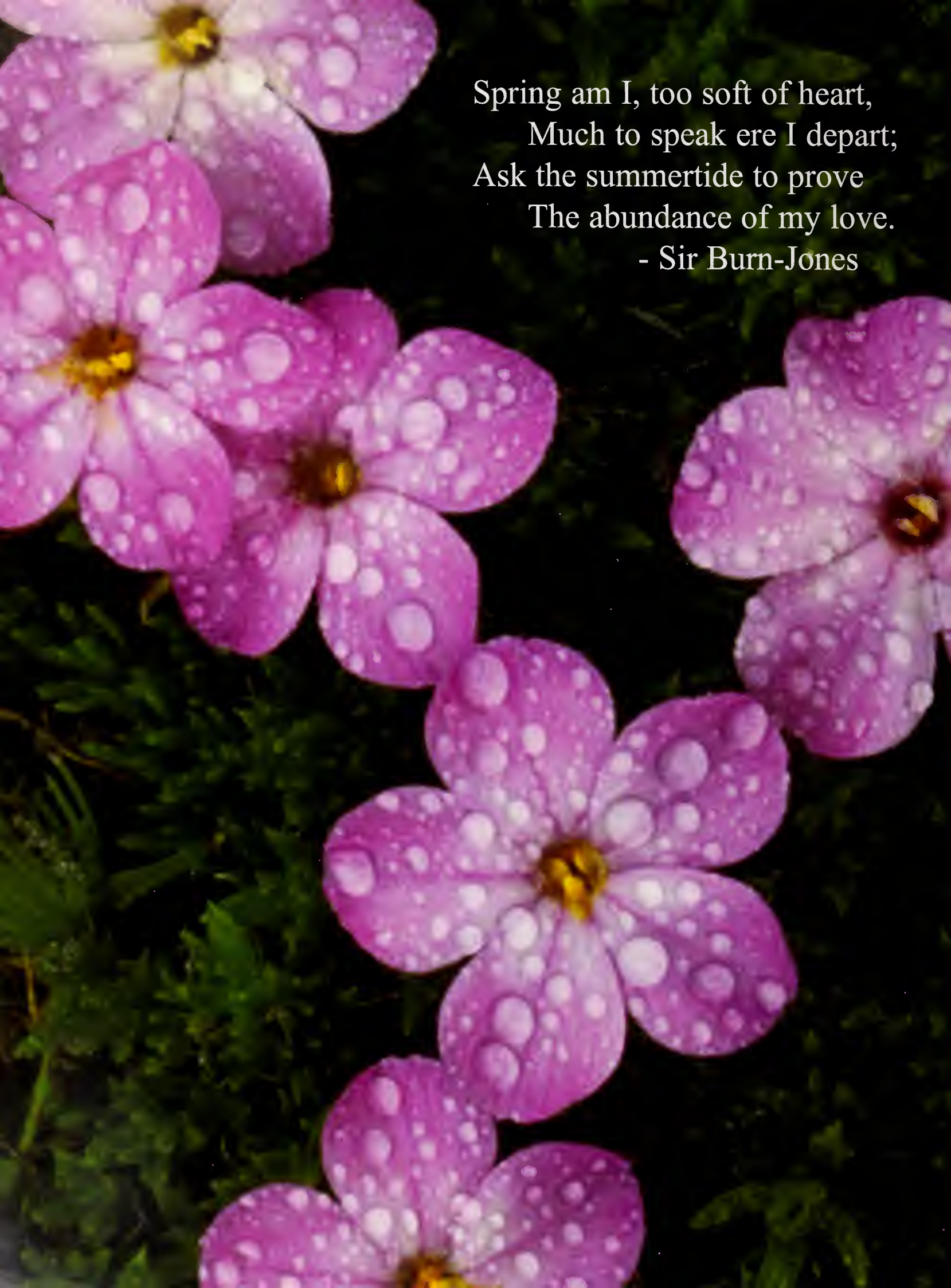
People: Mr./Miss NSU

(winter)

Student Life: The Lady of the Bracelet

Organizations: Greek activities



A close-up photograph of several pink flowers with yellow centers, covered in numerous clear water droplets. The flowers are set against a dark, blurred background of green foliage. The lighting highlights the texture of the petals and the glistening droplets.

Spring am I, too soft of heart,
Much to speak ere I depart;
Ask the summertide to prove
The abundance of my love.

- Sir Burn-Jones



(spring)

demons **ROBBED** of playoff bid

The Demon baseball team took a blow Monday, May 27, when they heard news they would not be included in the 64-team NCAA tournament.

The Demons finished the season with a superb record: 43-17. NCAA officials said Northwestern was a contender for the tournament. In the end, however, large berths went to universities like Washington (30-25), whose strength of schedule index was 19 spots behind the No. 60 Demons.

"In my 13 seasons of coaching, this has been the most fun, hands down, until today. I don't know how to explain what has happened. Having been in the Southeastern Conference, and having watched this team compete this season, I know we belong in a regional, and could even win a regional," said head coach Mitch Gaspard.

Despite the bad news, the 2002 baseball season was one of the greatest Demon fans have ever seen. The Demons finished the season fourth in the nation defensively. The Louisiana Sports Writers Association named four players to All-Louisiana Collegiate Baseball team.

Representing Northwestern on the first team were senior outfielder Brad Hanson, senior pitcher O.J. King and junior catcher Anatole Vincent. Demon junior pitcher Casey Johnson was a second-team selection.

Hanson batted .368 with 7 home runs and 46 RBI, topping the 43-17 Demons in hitting, while also swiping 13 bases.

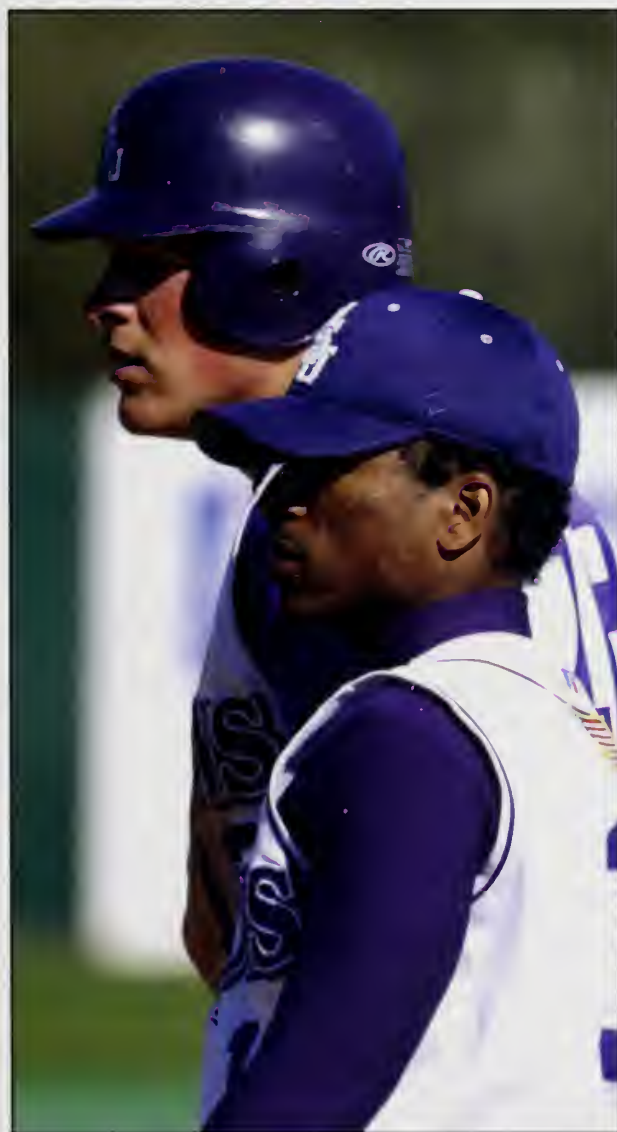
King went 8-4 with a 2.63 ERA to rank among national leaders. The eighth-round Cincinnati Reds draft pick and Hanson were among 150 semifinalists for the Smith Award given to the nation's top collegiate player.

Vincent led the Demons with 11 home runs and 60 RBI to go with a .361 batting average. Johnson tied the single-season record for victories, posting an 11-1 record with a 2.70 ERA.

Catcher Shawn West throws out a Grambling opponent in the second inning. The Demons stomped Grambling 21-6.



Teammates congratulate Ed Linck after he blasts a homer in a game against Grambling. Linck had a grand slam in addition to the solo home run in the game.



Head Coach Mitch Gaspard talks with his assistant coaches in a game against Minnesota. He led the Demons to a winning season, finishing the year with a 43-17 record.

Outfielder Jeramie Hale swings in a game against Southwest Texas. The Demons won the game 7-4.

Outfielder Brad Hanson looks in at the pitch to lead off. At mid-season, Hanson had the second highest batting average in the Southland Conference and ended the season with a .578 slug percentage.



2002 Demon Baseball

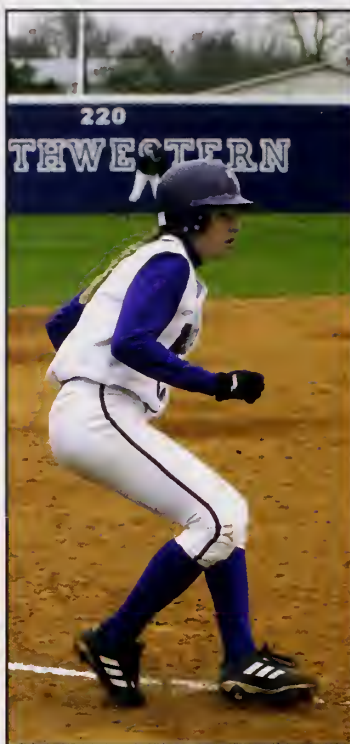
NSU 4, Charlotte 2
 NSU 5, South Alabama 2
 Texas 3, NSU 2
 NSU 6, Univ. of Minnesota 4
 NSU 4, Univ. of Minn. 3
 NSU 14, Univ. of Minn. 6
 NSU 5, Texas A&M Corpus Christi 3
 NSU 21, Grambling State 7
 NSU 9, Arkansas-Little Rock 0
 NSU 6, Louisiana Tech 1
 NSU 13, LSU-Shreveport 1
 NSU 12, Arkansas-Little Rock 4
 NSU 8, Centenary 3
 NSU 5, Texas Southern 2
 NSU 12, Centenary 5
 NSU 4, Louisiana-Monroe 2
 NSU 5, Louisiana-Monroe 2
 NSU 13, Texas A&M Corpus Christi 2
 Lamar 8, NSU 7
 NSU 2, Lamar 0
 NSU 5, Lamar 1
 A&M-Corpus Christi 6, NSU 3
 NSU 8, A&M-Corpus Christi 6
 McNeese 6, NSU 5
 McNeese 7, NSU 5
 NSU 10, McNeese 6
 NSU 11, Texas Southern 1
 NSU 6, Texas-San Antonio 2
 Texas-San Antonio 7, NSU 3

Texas-San Antonio 5, NSU 2
 NSU 4, Louisiana Tech 3
 NSU 10, Sam Houston 0
 NSU 12, Sam Houston 5
 NSU 5, Sam Houston 3
 NSU 4, Texas Southern 2
 NSU 15, Louisiana Tech 2
 NSU 5, Nicholls 1
 Nicholls 12, NSU 11
 NSU 4, Nicholls 1
 NSU 5, Centenary 0
 NSU 6, Henderson State 3
 NSU 5, Henderson State 3
 NSU 10, Southeastern La. 2
 NSU 10, Southeastern La. 2
 NSU 16, Southeastern La. 14
 Oral Roberts 2, NSU 0
 Oral Roberts 5, NSU 4
 Texas-Arlington 3, NSU 1
 NSU 10, Texas-Arlington 8
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 Southwest Texas 10, NSU 6
 NSU 7, Southwest Texas 4
 Southwest Texas 9, NSU 5

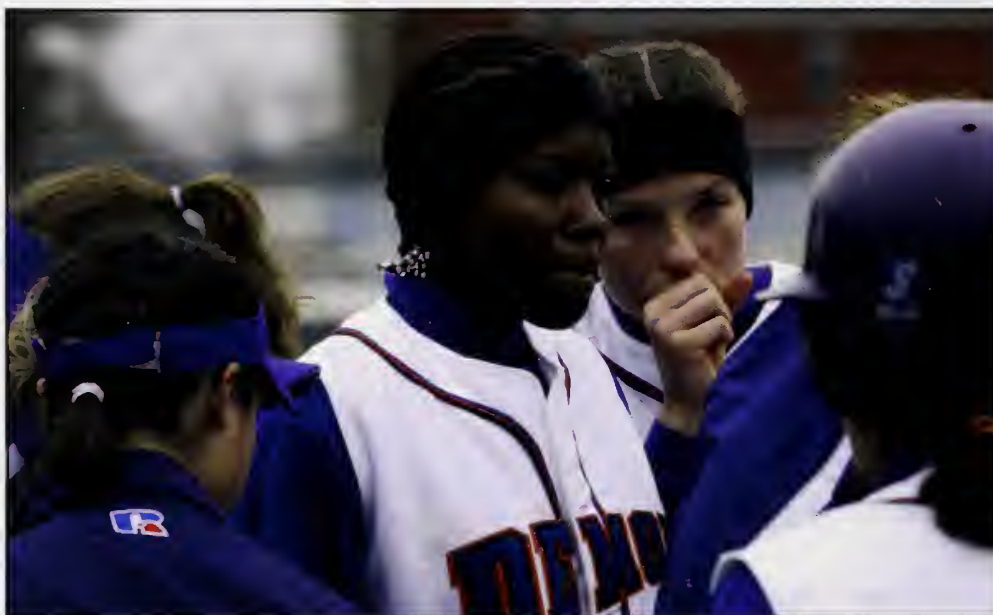
Southland Conference Play
 Southwest Texas 11, NSU 0
 NSU 12, ULM 3
 NSU 9, McNeese 2
 NSU 6, Southwest Texas 4
 Lamar 5, NSU 4

Outfielder Annie Johnston returns to the bag after a foul ball in a game against Texas-Arlington.

Infielder Sarah Stowell takes a swing in a game against McNeese pitcher Hale. The Lady Demons won the first game of the doubleheader 4-1, but the Lady Colonels won the second game 7-3.

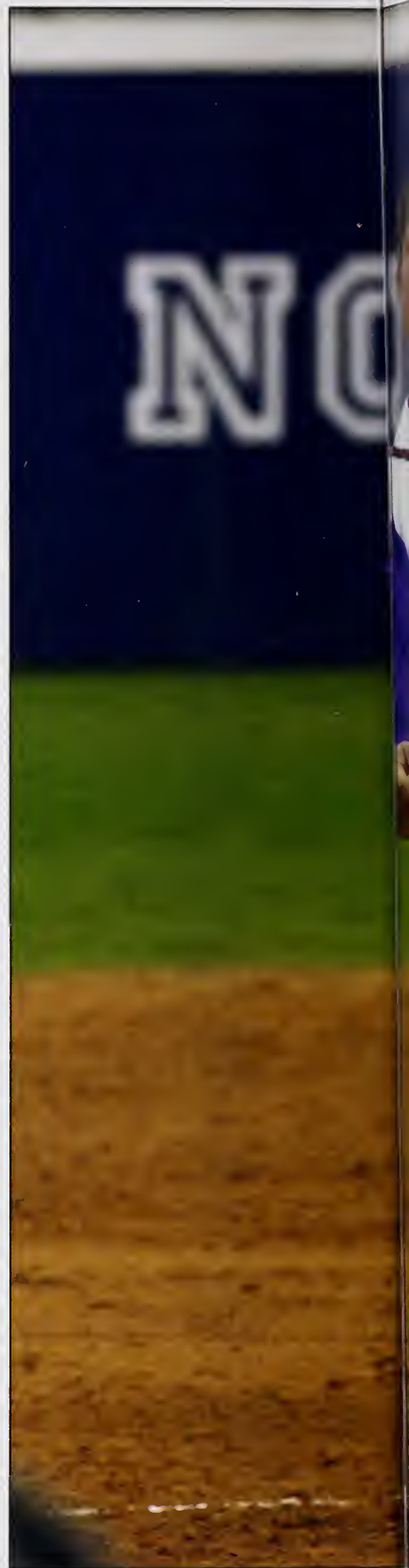


The Lady Demons discuss defensive strategy after the first game in a double header against Sam Houston State. The Lady Demons swept the Bearkats, 8-3 and 3-0.



Players celebrate after winning the Southland Conference title. The win led the team to its third NCAA Tournament appearance in the last five years.

Amanda Ortego pitches against UTSA in the conference opener. She pitched a complete game, allowing only five hits, but took the loss after a giving up a home run in the of the fourth inning.





What do the Southland Conference Softball Tournament title and six All-Louisiana team players have in common? The two terms go hand-in-hand describing the Lady Demon softball team's 2002 season.

The Lady Demons broke 17 team and individual school softball records in 2002 on the way to making their third appearance in the last five years in the NCAA Tournament.

In the conference tournament on June 8, the Demons fought back from the loser's bracket by edging Southeastern Louisiana 1-0 in nine anxiety-filled innings. Thanks to overpowering shutout pitching and a couple of home runs from unlikely sources, the Lady Demons captured the Southland Conference Softball Tournament title.

The Demons ended the season with a 45-25 record. The team put senior centerfielder Annie Johnston and sophomore pitcher Crista Miller on the All-Louisiana first team. Second team selections from NSU were junior pitcher Amanda Ortego, sophomore third baseman Lindsay Leftwich, sophomore designated player Kiana Scott and freshman outfielder Nicole Martin.

Johnston hit .427, one point shy of the single-season school record, and finished her career with a .377 average to break a school mark. She was named first-team Verizon Academic All-America earlier in the week on the heels of being voted Southland Conference Player and Hitter of the Year.

Miller (21-9) tied the school single-season record for pitching victories after a first-team All-SLC campaign. Ortego took center stage with a tournament Most Valuable Player performance as the Demons broke the school single-season record for wins in a season.

With first-team Verizon Academic All-American and Southland Conference Player of the Year Annie Johnston leading the way, NSU topped all conference schools on the Academic All-SLC Softball Team announced in June.

Johnston, third baseman Lindsay Leftwich and pitcher Crista Miller gave Northwestern three of the 12 student-athletes elected to the team. All three Demons also won spots on the all-conference team chosen in May.

In the

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2002 LADY DEMON SOFTBALL

Texas-Arlington 4, NSU 2
Baylor University 4, NSU 3
NSU 8, Southern 0
Baylor University 2, NSU 0
NSU 6, Southern 0
NSU 1, Texas-Arlington 0
DePaul University 3, NSU 0
Western Michigan University 1, NSU 0
NSU 10, Jackson State University 0
LSU 3, NSU 1
NSU 7, Jackson State 1
NSU 4, DePaul University 0
LSU 2, NSU 1
NSU 5, Louisiana Tech 0
NSU 11, Drake University 3
NSU 5, ULL 3
Creighton University 4, NSU 3
NSU 9, SW Missouri St. Univ 3
Oklahoma University 4, NSU 1
Baylor University 3, NSU 0
Baylor University 2, NSU 1
NSU 4, Univ. of Florida 0
Univ. of Houston 6, NSU 0
NSU 7, Univ. of Houston 2
ULL 8, NSU 0
NSU 6, Univ. of Florida 3
Texas-San Antonio 1, NSU 0
NSU 3, Texas-San Antonio 0
NSU 1, Texas-San Antonio 0
NSU 6, Centenary College 0
NSU 8, Centenary College 0
Texas-Arlington 4, NSU 3
NSU 9, Texas-Arlington 1
NSU 5, Texas-Arlington 3
NSU 3, Louisiana Tech 2
NSU 4, McNeese 1
McNeese State 7, NSU 3
NSU 8, McNeese State 0
Southwest Texas Univ 1, NSU 0
NSU 9, Southwest Texas Univ 1
NSU 5, Southwest Texas Univ 3
Texas A & M 4, NSU 0
Texas A & M 5, NSU 0
Southeastern La. 2, NSU 1
NSU 1, Southeastern La. Uni 0
NSU 11, Southeastern La. Uni 3

NSU 10, Nicholls 0
NSU 8, Nicholls 2
NSU 7, Nicholls 0
NSU 10, Stephen F. Austin 1
NSU 6, Stephen F. Austin 1
NSU 4, Stephen F. Austin 1
LSU 4, NSU 3
LSU 2, NSU 0
NSU 8, Sam Houston State 0
NSU 3, Sam Houston State 0
NSU 7, Sam Houston State 2
NSU 3, Centenary College 0
NSU 2, Centenary College 0
NSU 10, ULM 2
NSU 2, ULM 0
NSU 5, ULM 2

SOUTHLAND CONFERENCE PLAY

NSU 7, Southeastern 1
Southwest Texas Univ 4, NSU 0
NSU 1, Texas-San Antonio 0
NSU 2, Southwest Texas Univ 0
Southeastern La. Uni 0

NCAA REGIONALS

LSU 3, NSU 2 (May 16, 2002 at
Lafayette, LA)
Mississippi State 9, NSU 6 (May 18,
2002 at Lafayette, LA)





The University's basketball team ended the 2002 season a long way from the NCAA Playoffs they were in the year before.

At season's end, the Demons had a losing record: 13-18. The Demons went 9-11 in conference play. One of the biggest disappointments of the season came against SFA in the Southland Conference Tournament. SFA dealt the Demons a big blow in their bid to make the six-team Southland Conference tournament field with a 66-58 victory over the Demons, completing a season sweep of NSU.

Despite the disappointing season, NSU fans were able to pass a few milestones. On February 19, the Demons' win over Centenary gave Head Coach Mike McConathy the 400th win of his career in collegiate coaching.

For the first time in nine decades of men's basketball at Northwestern State, three jerseys were retired February 23 during basketball Homecoming activities in Prather Coliseum.

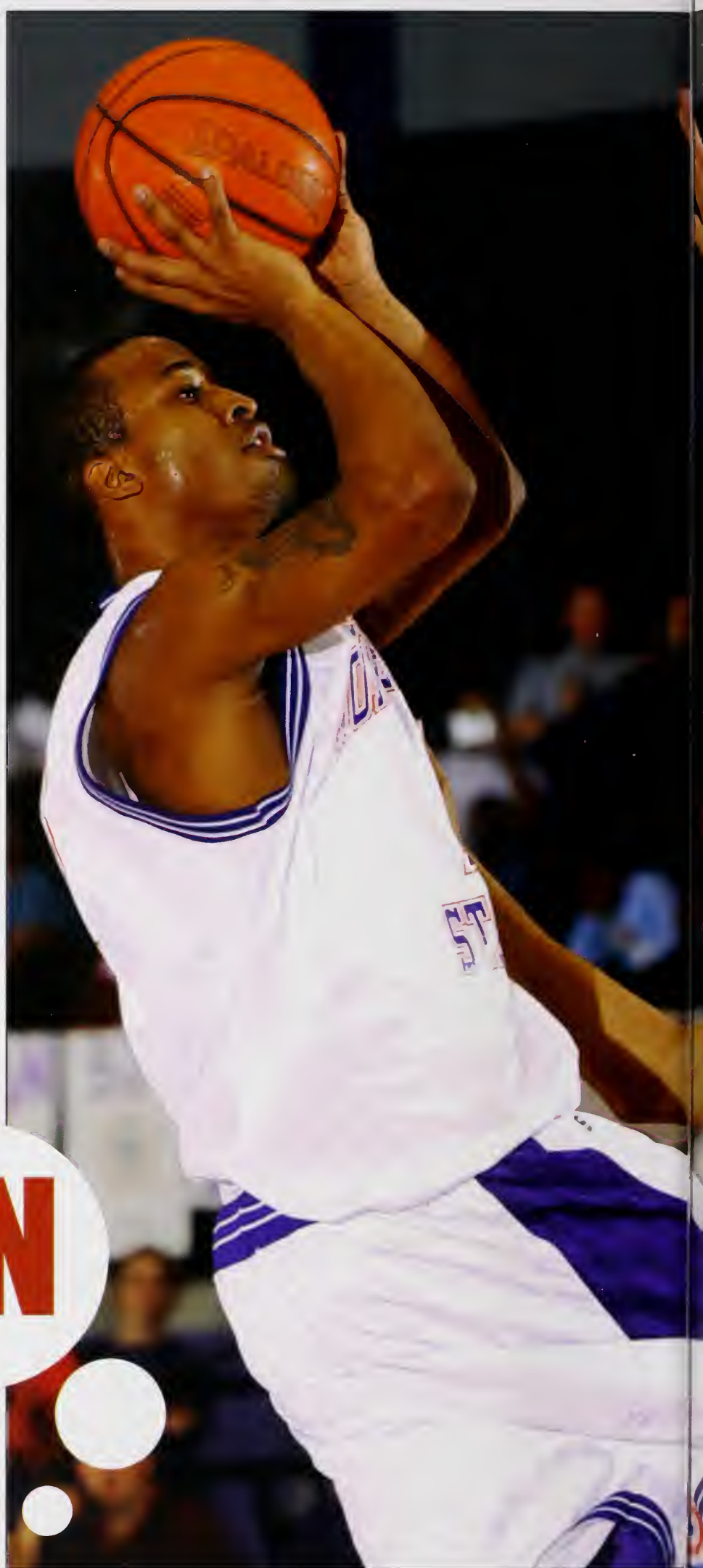
All-Americans Charles "Red" Thomas (5), Johnny McConathy (14) and Vernon Wilson (24) were given the unprecedented honor, said NSU Director of Athletics Greg Burke.

Members of the 2002 season roster also received high honors. In March, senior guard Michael Byars-Dawson was a second-team pick on the All-Southland Conference basketball team. Byars-Dawson ranked seventh in the conference in 2002 with a 15.8 scoring average. He was third in the league in steals (1.97 per game) and fifth in 3-point shooting percentage (38.7).

Sophomore teammate D'or Fischer, second nationally in blocked shots per game (4.43) was an honorable mention selection. Fischer averaged 9.8 points per game and ranked 11th in the league in rebounding, with a 7.2 average while standing sixth in free throw percentage (75.2).

A long way from **DAYTON**

Michael Byars-Dawson jumps to shoot. He ranked seventh in the conference in scoring in 2002 with a 15.8 scoring average and fifth in 3-point shooting percentage.



The Demons celebrate after a victory over Texas-Arlington. Byars-Dawson and Polk were among eight seniors making their final homecourt appearance, along with Melvin Roberts, Jerrold McRae and Kory Wilson.



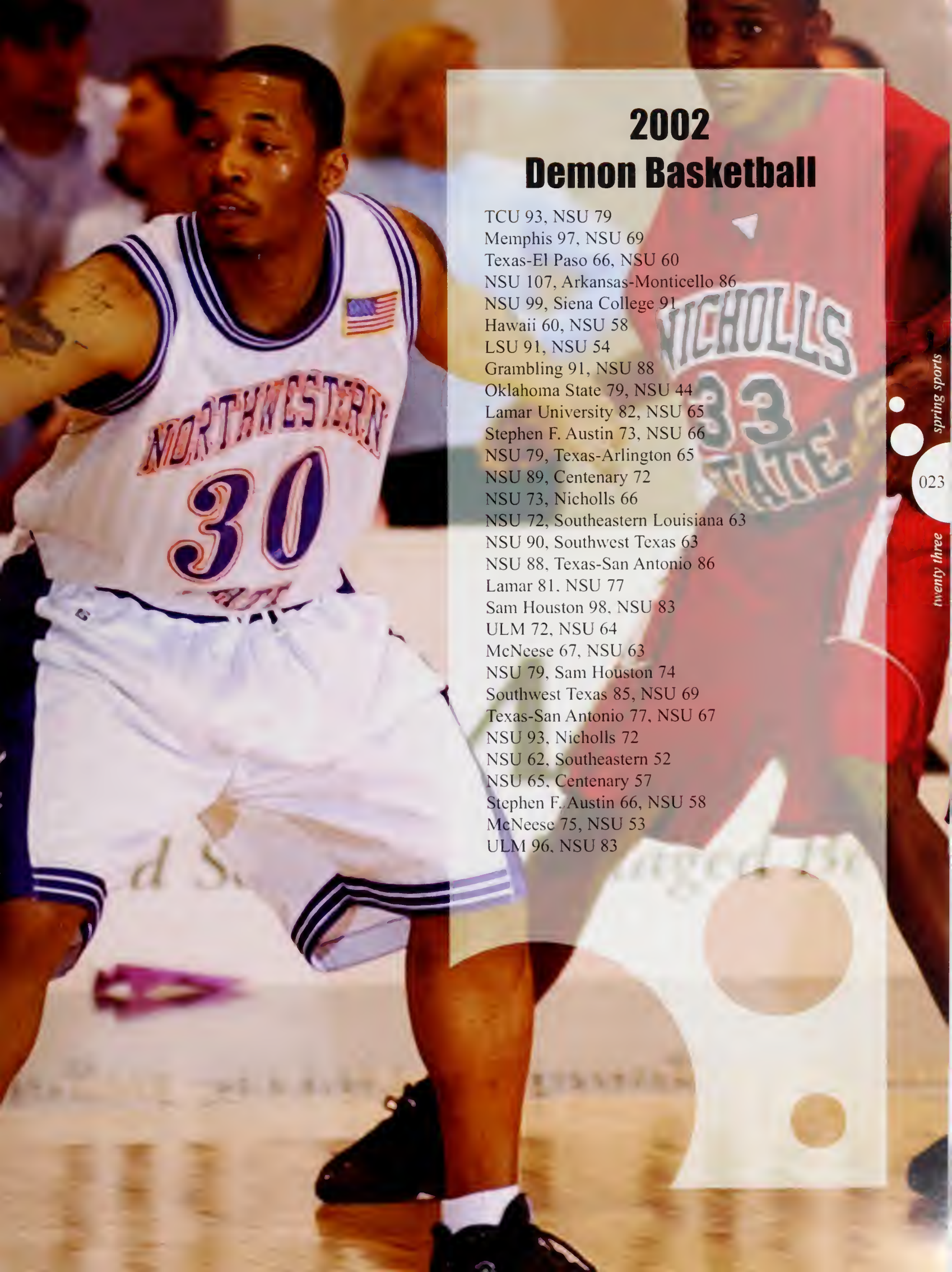
Michael Byars-Dawson drives past an SFA opponent. Dawson ranked third in the league for steals, averaging 1.97 per game.

Chris Lynch dunks the ball against SFA. Lynch scored a career-best 25 points and had 8 rebounds for the Demons. At season's end, Lynch ranked as the nation's fourth-most productive sixth man in collegiate basketball, according to STATS Inc.



D'or Fischer blocks a shot from an SFA opponent. Fischer ranked second nationally in blocked shots per game.





2002 Demon Basketball

TCU 93, NSU 79
Memphis 97, NSU 69
Texas-El Paso 66, NSU 60
NSU 107, Arkansas-Monticello 86
NSU 99, Siena College 91
Hawaii 60, NSU 58
LSU 91, NSU 54
Grambling 91, NSU 88
Oklahoma State 79, NSU 44
Lamar University 82, NSU 65
Stephen F. Austin 73, NSU 66
NSU 79, Texas-Arlington 65
NSU 89, Centenary 72
NSU 73, Nicholls 66
NSU 72, Southeastern Louisiana 63
NSU 90, Southwest Texas 63
NSU 88, Texas-San Antonio 86
Lamar 81, NSU 77
Sam Houston 98, NSU 83
ULM 72, NSU 64
McNeese 67, NSU 63
NSU 79, Sam Houston 74
Southwest Texas 85, NSU 69
Texas-San Antonio 77, NSU 67
NSU 93, Nicholls 72
NSU 62, Southeastern 52
NSU 65, Centenary 57
Stephen F. Austin 66, NSU 58
McNeese 75, NSU 53
ULM 96, NSU 83

Teammates congratulate Angela Davidson after she scores a three-pointer against Jackson State. The Lady Demons won the game by a narrow margin, 56-55, on a 16-footer by Katrina Swanigan with two seconds remaining.



La-Terrica Dobin passes the ball in a game against Nicholls. She had 15 assists in the game, which moved her into fifth place of all-time at NSU for single-season assists.



Sophomore guard Katherine Grieder holds off an opponent from Nicholls. The Lady Demons beat the Colonels 73-64.



Angela Davidson jumps to shoot over a SFA Ladyjack. Davidson led the Southland in scoring and was named the 2001-2002 SLC Women's Player of the Year.

Anna Means drives down the lane. In 2002, Means was fifth in the conference in three-point shooting while also being named to the Academic All-SLC women's basketball team.





An **ALL-STAR** Line-up

The Lady Demon basketball team's leading ladies were instrumental in finishing with a winning season.

In 2002, the Lady Demons finished the season with an impressive record: 22-7. The team went 17-3 in conference play, one of the best records in the Southland.

After leading the Southland Conference in scoring, Northwestern State Lady Demon guard Angela Davidson was named in March as the 2001-02 SLC women's basketball Player of the Year. Head coaches of the leagues' 11 teams and media selected Davidson for the first team.

Junior La'Terrica Dobin was also named first team All-Southland. Dobin led the nation in assists, averaging 8.63 per game. She also averaged 11.1 points per game, 17th in the league and ranked fourth in steals with 2.63 per game. She now stands third in the NSU record books with 233 assists in a single season. Juniors Anna Means and Tiffany Hall earned honorable mention honors for the Lady Demons.

About being named Player of the Year, Davidson said, "It feels so good to be recognized for all of the hard work."

"I accomplished one of my goals but I still have more to achieve."

Junior guard Anna Means saw her trophy case grow considerably over the 2002 season. As she finished the season fifth in the Southland Conference for three-point shooting, Means performed impressively in the classroom too.

Coaches elected her to the five-member Academic All-SLC women's basketball team after she maintained a 3.94 GPA. She was also the Verizon Academic All-District VI first team and was one of 40 finalists for the Academic All-America team.

In April, coaches named Means NSU women's basketball "Sportswoman of the Year."



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2002 Lady Demon Basketball

conference play in bold

Virginia Tech 71, NSU 46
NSU 59, Tennessee-Martin 58
Rutgers 68, NSU 67
Fordham 62, NSU 51
NSU 56, Jackson State 55
NSU 74, Sam Houston 61
NSU 70, Lamar 52
NSU 83, Jackson State 82
NSU 64, McNeese 52
Texas-Arlington 59, NSU 54
NSU 67, Stephen F. Austin 42
NSU 67, Southeastern Louisiana 63
NSU 71, Nicholls 50
NSU 56, Texas-San Antonio 44
NSU 67, Southwest Texas 52
NSU 84, Sam Houston 66
NSU 73, Lamar 58
NSU 91, Louisiana-Monroe 76
NSU 57, UT San Antonio 51
Southwest Texas 76, NSU 74
NSU 82, Centenary 48
NSU 74, Southeastern Louisiana 72
NSU 73, Nicholls 64
NSU 72, Texas-Arlington 71
Stephen F. Austin 88, NSU 68
NSU 72, McNeese 58
NSU 81, Louisiana-Monroe 67

NSU 66, Texas-Arlington 59
Stephen F. Austin 76, NSU 52

Varsity rower Seth
 Fornea explains how to
 set the pitch of a boat to
 novice rower Josh Green.

Coxswain Pat West
 discusses a previous race
 with varsity rower Seth
 Fornea. The varsity men
 won gold at the John
 Hunter Regatta and
 competed in the Petite
 Finals at S.I.R.A.



The varsity race against
 the lightweights in spring
 training practice. The
 team practiced over
 Spring Break and
 participated in events like
 a triathlon.



Junior Scott Ward
 wears his bronze medal.
 The lightweight men's
 four finished third in their
 heat at S.I.R.A.

Senior Wes Breeden
 inspects rowing
 conditions during the
 John Hunter Regatta. The
 race is held each year on
 the Olympic racing
 course outside of Atlanta,
 GA.





The spring 2002 NSU Crew competed in the John Hunter Regatta on Georgia's Lake Lanier. The Olympic course, located outside of Atlanta, is one of the largest racing venues in the south.

For some novice and varsity team members, rowing on Lake Lanier was a bit intimidating.

"It's surreal," said novice Wes Breeden. "This is my first competition, and we're rowing where some of the world's best athletes rowed at one point."

NSU's rowers rigged the boats and pushed off the dock, nervousness aside. Some boats came off the water winning gold, silver and bronze medals.

The women's varsity four boat won silver in their heat, finishing only four seconds behind UTC in its heat. The women whacked larger Universities like Clemson and UGA, who finished more than 10 seconds behind the Demons.

Crew's varsity men rowed a 7:12 in the 2000 meter, sweeping the heat. Schools like Emory and Reinhart finished more than a minute behind the Demons.

NSU's Lightweight men brought home a silver medal. The men rowed an 8:04 in the 2000, trailing only the Texas Longhorns in the heat.

Only a few weeks after the John Hunter, the rowing demons traveled to Oak Ridge, TN, for the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta where Northwestern fared well.

Members said one of the most interesting parts of rowing in Oak Ridge was the fact they were rowing in the nation's nuclear capitol.

"While you're on the water waiting for your race, you can look on the shore and see some of the nation's biggest nuclear plants...that was a strange feeling," said novice Rob Morgan.

Plutonium aside, the lightweight men won bronze, a first for an NSU men's boat at SIRA.

Head coach Alan Pasch said the rowers went through an extensive training period prior to the spring races.

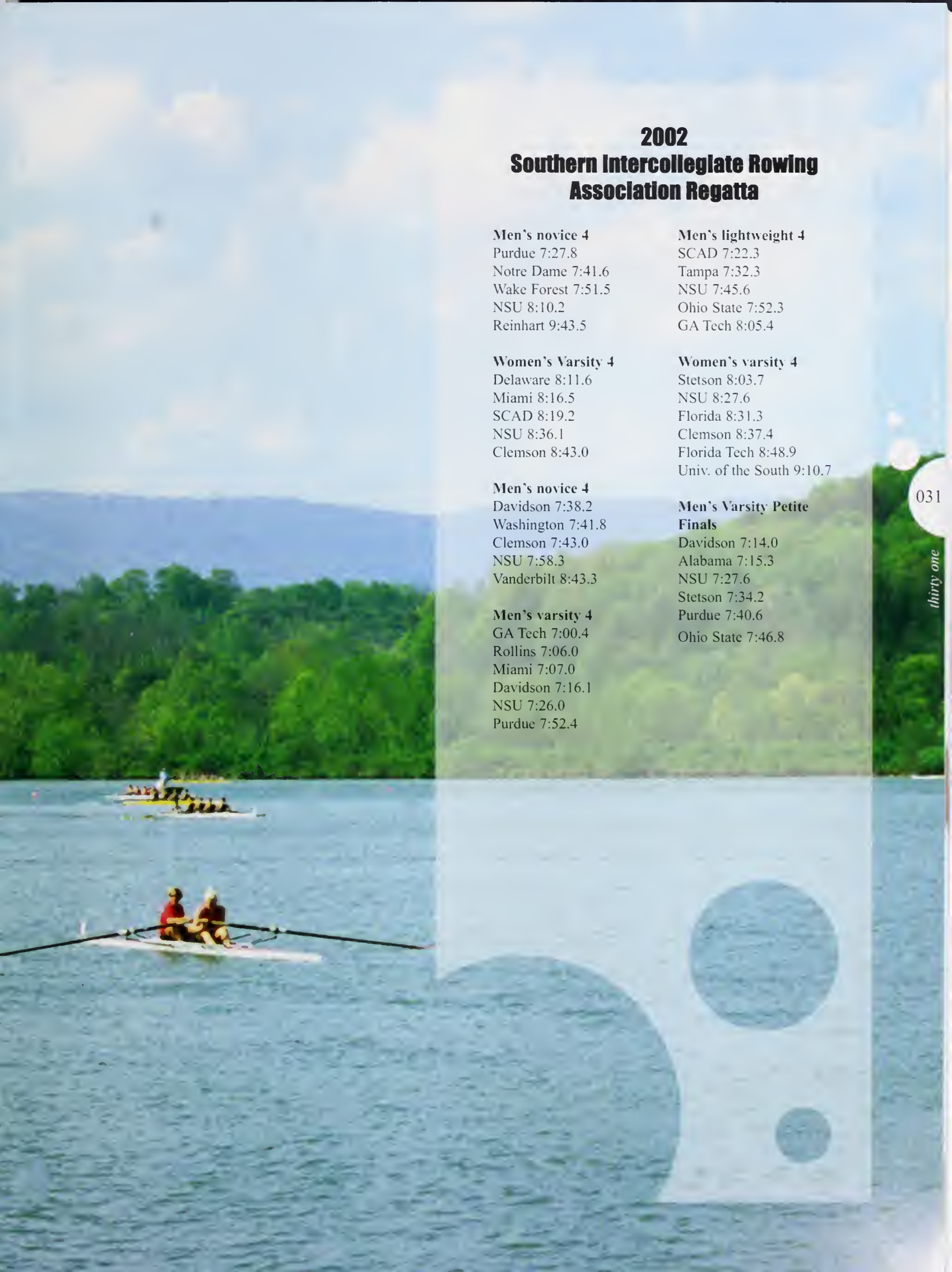
Team members stayed throughout spring break for two-a-days. Those practices consisted of land training, water workouts, and ergometer pieces.

Rowers also participated in a triathlon consisting of a long swim, a three-mile run, and 6,000 meters on the ergometer.

Preparing for the

BIG HEAT





2002 Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta

Men's novice 4

Purdue 7:27.8
Notre Dame 7:41.6
Wake Forest 7:51.5
NSU 8:10.2
Reinhart 9:43.5

Women's Varsity 4

Delaware 8:11.6
Miami 8:16.5
SCAD 8:19.2
NSU 8:36.1
Clemson 8:43.0

Men's novice 4

Davidson 7:38.2
Washington 7:41.8
Clemson 7:43.0
NSU 7:58.3
Vanderbilt 8:43.3

Men's varsity 4

GA Tech 7:00.4
Rollins 7:06.0
Miami 7:07.0
Davidson 7:16.1
NSU 7:26.0
Purdue 7:52.4

Men's lightweight 4

SCAD 7:22.3
Tampa 7:32.3
NSU 7:45.6
Ohio State 7:52.3
GA Tech 8:05.4

Women's varsity 4

Stetson 8:03.7
NSU 8:27.6
Florida 8:31.3
Clemson 8:37.4
Florida Tech 8:48.9
Univ. of the South 9:10.7

Men's Varsity Petite Finals

Davidson 7:14.0
Alabama 7:15.3
NSU 7:27.6
Stetson 7:34.2
Purdue 7:40.6
Ohio State 7:46.8

Demons are **OFF TRACK** for 2002



Northwestern's outdoor track was deemed unusable for competition throughout the entire year of 2002.

The asphalt base beneath the surface of the track deteriorated rapidly, and the surface split in many areas. The University was forced to cancel all of its home meets for the 2002 spring and fall semester.

"It's unsafe," Head Coach Leon Johnson said.

Johnson feared a track member could stumble because of one of the cracks. Athletic director Greg Burke told the *Current Sauce* his biggest worry was its effect on the University.

"Nearly 50 percent of our sports are impacted by not having a track," Burke said.

Burke estimated the total cost of repairs for the track at more than \$750,000. Another strain on the University is the potential recruiting setback. Burke feared NSU would draw fewer athletes with an obsolete track.

Burke said NSU is trying to secure funds on both a state and local level. However, fundraising will play a big part in repairing the track.

Johnson said no work will start on the track until the costs for repairs are met. As of October 2002, NSU had collected one-third of the costs.

The Louisiana Education Systems State Board looked to seek funding earlier in 2002 but failed. The board was hoping the University's insurance for the track would provide a portion of the funding.

The proposal fell through, however, and the track remains untouched.

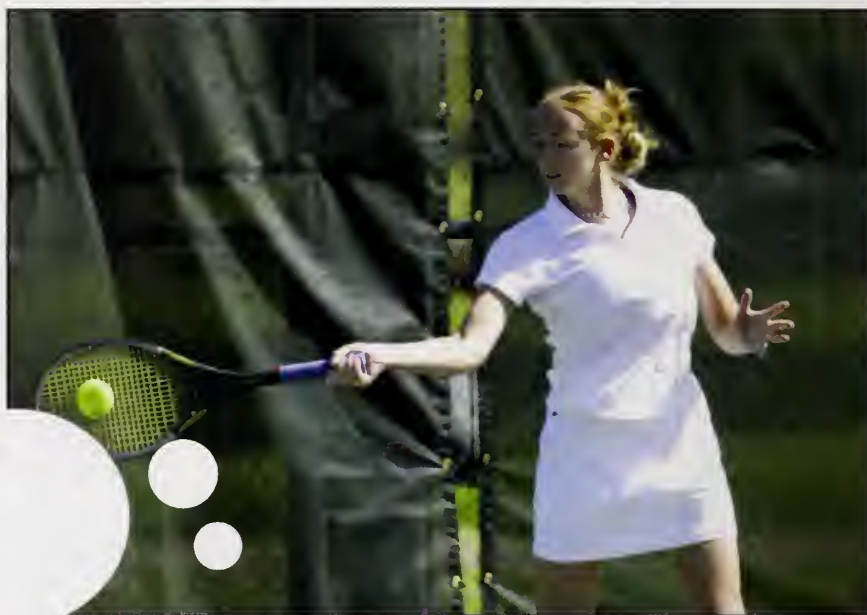
Huge cracks in the Walter P. Ledet Track Complex force officials to condemn the track in 2002. The asphalt base beneath the track was deteriorating.





RACKETY RACK

don't talk back



The Lady Demon tennis team used a late surge to shrug off a sluggish start to make the Southland Conference Tournament.

After a poor 1-4 start the Lady Demons won four in a row to move into the Conference race. NSU then won five of its last seven matches to advance to the SLC tournament. After losing to McNeese the Lady Demons were given the sixth seed in the tournament and would face the No. 3 seed Monroe.

The University of Louisiana at Monroe then beat the Lady Demons in the first round. The young Demon squad left the tournament with their heads held high and looking forward to next season with high hopes.

"We have a very young team that has come a long way this season," Lady Demon head coach Willie Paz said. "We want to continue to improve and look forward to next season."

Northwestern finished the year with an 8-11 record overall and 5-5 in the Southland Conference. Leading the way for Northwestern was newcomer Anneline Zerwick with a record of 8-3 as the Lady Demons No. 2 singles player. Zerwick combined with Eliza Young in doubles for a 9-6 record.

Coming back for next season are all starters except Joanne McKee who was the lone senior and Ngoc Luu. The rest of the Demon roster will return for the 2003 season.

Junior Katy Wallace has a strong 2002 season. She finished the the No. 3 season at 6-14.

Tennis head coach, Willie Paz, watches courtside. In 2002, Paz entered his eighth year as head coach for the tennis team.



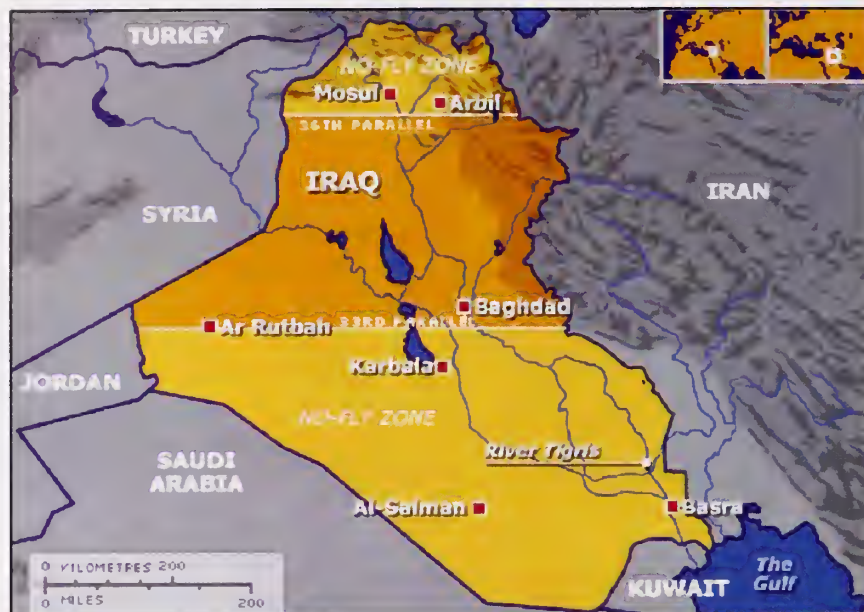
The Demons 2002 tennis team finishes strong after a tough 1-4 start for the season.





Kim Conway plays one of her first matches at Northwestern. The 2002 season brings many freshmen to the University's tennis team.

The middle east still is a hot zone in 2002-'03. A possible war with Iraq has directed American attention once again to the middle east.



TARGET: IRAQ

students prepare for the possibility of war

story by Christine Harper

While most NSU students marked the beginning of the semester with fee payment lines, some students were forced to put their education on hold because of the escalating threat of war against Iraq.

Freddie Duncan, a freshman journalism student, was placed on deployment notice and was scheduled to depart in late February or early March. He spent the first of the semester getting signatures from his department head and financial aid, business affairs and the registrar's offices to complete his resignation from the University.

"I didn't want to take the risk of staying in school and owing money," Duncan said. "They made it easier than I thought it would be."

Unsure of where he was going, Duncan had the possibility of North Carolina, California or Iraq. He said he would be a couple of miles from the line of battle if he was deployed to Iraq.

"I'm not excited or upset," he said. "It is something I have to do."

Defense analysts believe if Iraqi troops step aside, as they did during the 1991 Gulf War, Saddam Hussein could be out of power within weeks.

However, it remains unclear of how long the conflict could last.

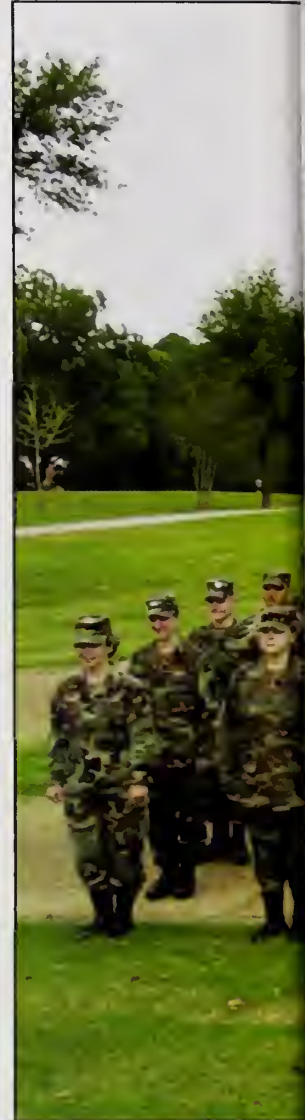
Sophomore Scholars' College student Chris Hebert said eliminating the threat of Saddam was necessary and that it should be done - just so long as he would not have to do it.

"As long as Bush doesn't want people like me, or other students that don't want to go fight, it's all good," Hebert said.

NSU political science professor Greg Granger said he has made attempts to increase student awareness by mentioning the possibility of a draft that would not exclude college students as past drafts have. He said students may have difficulty bringing up the topic of war.

"There seems to be a reluctance to talk much about it," Granger said. "People don't seem to know what to feel."

NSU's ROTC program is comprised of about 100 cadetes, some of which might be called if there is war.



A Look at Iraq

Formerly part of the Ottoman Empire, Iraq became an independent kingdom in 1932. A "republic" was proclaimed in 1958, but in actuality a series of military strongmen have ruled the country since then, the latest being Saddam Hussein.

Territorial disputes with Iran led to an inconclusive and costly eight-year war (1980-88).

In August 1990, Iraq seized Kuwait, but was expelled by US-led, UN coalition forces during January-February 1991.

The victors did not occupy Iraq, however, thus allowing the regime to stay in control. Following Kuwait's liberation, the UN Security Council (UNSC) required Iraq to scrap all weapons of mass destruction and long-range missiles and to allow UN verification inspections. The U.S. maintains Iraq still has weapons of mass destruction.



Freshman Joey Kliebert studies with one of his fraternity brothers. Tests are not the only worry for some University students. Kliebert is in the Air Force reserve and is always faced with the possibility of going to war.

SGA M-I-A

Senate Deals with its Own Apathy

Northwestern's student government association saw its own struggle during the 2002-03 school year. President Stacie Cosby, in her first term, released 14 senate members after the fall semester.

"I'm very disappointed about the senators' performance this year," said Cosby.

Cosby and her vice president Jennifer Jensen watched as only 12 senators authored legislation during the fall semester, most of those being internal legislation that dealt with the everyday workings of the SGA.

The controversial senator Dustin Floyd authored several bills during the fall semester. He said he was stunned to see the senate's reaction to some of them. In October, Floyd brought legislation to the senate that would make October 18th Oprah Winfrey day at NSU. Floyd said it was just a nicety to thank Oprah for riding in Northwestern's homecoming parade.

"I can't believe the senate spent 15 minutes talking about whether we should approve this legislation," he told NSU 22 after the meeting.

This resolution came after a meeting when two senate members were appointed but then removed because the senate was confused about quorum. Some senators disagreed with the removal and said the procedure was unconstitutional.

Cosby hoped the dismissal of the majority of the senate would allow for a fresh start in spring. She hoped attention would be turned to programs like the One Card Initiative, one of her biggest platforms. The One Card program would allow University students to use their ID cards around campus vending machines, washing machines and other places on campus.

"Students can already use their card for their meal plan," she said. "This will allow even more convenience to our campus."

Andy Sybert is one of the 12 members of the SGA who authored legislation during fall 2002 and one of the few to keep his senate seat for spring.

Kayla Brossett reads her legislation that will create a mentoring program for new members. The legislation will pair new members up with the SGA executive council. Brossett hoped the program would provide a relief from senate apathy the body saw in 2002.

Chad Maggio is sworn in during spring of 2003. Maggio's appointment followed the release of more than half of the senate members.





A chair sits empty in the SGA senate meeting room. Senate apathy led to the dismissal of more than half of the senate for spring 2003.



SAB member Laura Terrell laughs as she recalls how she was plastered with paint during a paint war. The paint war was held during the SAB's first meeting. It was a fun and exciting event.



Kids do the Darndest Things

Story by Darla Williford

Matt Tucker tries to cover Brynne Herbert with paint during the SAB's Paint War. Events like these are supplemented by coffee houses and other activities to entertain students throughout the year.

The Student Activities Board is an organization that plans events for Northwestern students throughout the year. Anyone can be a part of SAB.

Students can either run for a high position on the board or be a part of one of the many committees. Some of these committees include Freshman Factor, Concert committee, Service

Learning and the Coffeehouse committee.

The SAB sponsors many interesting and diverse functions. There are events that occur regularly throughout the year like coffeehouses, special concerts and committee meetings. The two major events that SAB sponsors are Homecoming Week and the Lady of the Bracelet Pageant. Some of the special events held during the fall semester this year include the motion simulator and Fall Fest.

The spring semester was very busy beginning with Paint Wars, Lady of the Bracelet, Spring Fling, a dinner theatre, an Easter Egg hunt and various residential hall events throughout the semester.

Paint wars brought student out to an obstacle course divided by stacks of hay.

"It's a time for you to come out here and have some fun, throw some paint at some friends and relax," Michael Johnson, SAB parliamentarian said.

Paint Wars was put on by the SAB's ten representatives-at-Large.

Other functions and activities included a live band at Fall Fest, getting dirty and having some fun at Paint Wars and hanging out with friends at the various coffeehouses.

"Our goal is to think outside the box for SAB functions this year and that's what these events are all about," Johnson said.



Two SAB members wait to sign students up for the M-4 simulator. The device was transported in to the Student Union and offered students the simulated thrill of a lifetime.



Junior biology major Ryan Terry prepares to throw beads at the SROW Mardi Gras parade. The theme for the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop was "SROW me something, mister."

Conference Program

SROW

Me Something, Mister!



2002

Southern Regional Orientation Workshop

Northwestern State University
Natchitoches, Louisiana
March 15-17, 2002

NODA

SROW

Me Something, Mister

Last spring, more than 1200 people from southeastern universities attended the Southern Regional Orientation Workshop held at NSU. The yearly conference brought together orientation leaders from colleges in Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and South Carolina. In all, more than 70 schools attended.

After winning the bid to host the conference, a conference committee composed of leaders from NSU and other participating universities began to plan the activities that would take place on March 15-17, 2002.

Because school was still in session for NSU students, conference attendees stayed in local hotels. Over their weekend stay, students attended various programs, sessions and social events. "It was a very organized party," said Quincy Spence, assistant to the director of new student programs. Students participated in t-shirt and banner contests, song and skit competitions and a roll call competition.

They also attended the Journey to a Hate-Free Millennium program and heard other speakers lecture on topics about building teamwork, living life to potential and outstanding and ethical leadership.

Participants also had a chance to win awards. Reatha Cox, director of new student programs, won outstanding director and Quincy Spence won honorable mention for outstanding student leader.

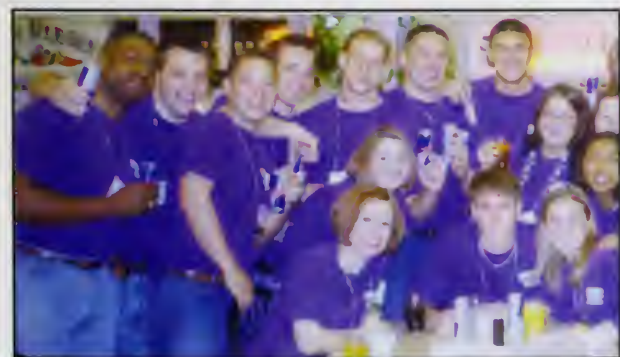
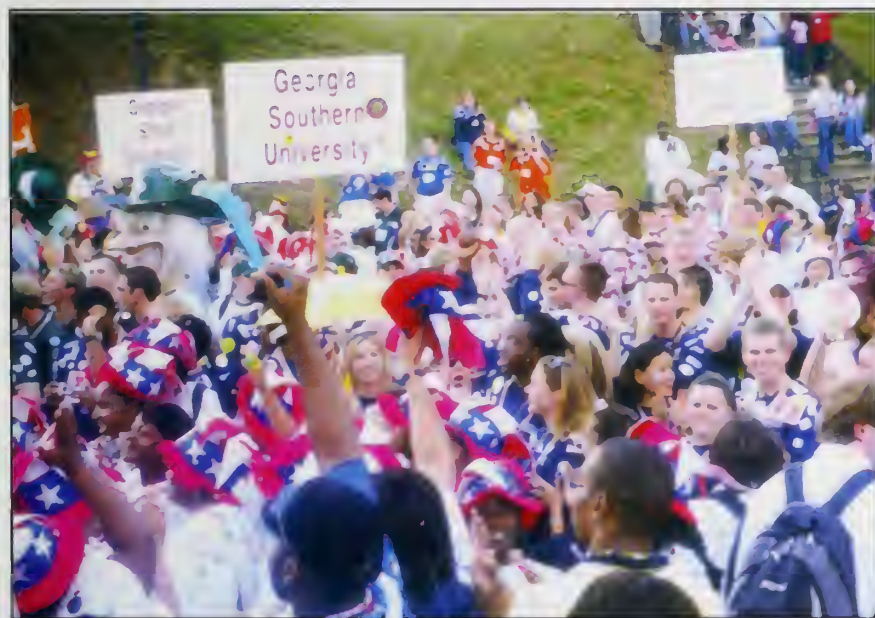
Current orientation leaders, former Freshman Connectors and volunteers made sure things went smoothly.

"When you host, you don't get the benefit of attending the workshops," said Danielle Mitchell, a junior Freshman Connector. "It's our job to make sure that everything is in place."

Cox thought the conference was beneficial to NSU leaders.

"For our students, it was an opportunity to be a part of one of the biggest collegiate undergraduate conferences in the country...and just to be able to put on something of this scale was probably one of things that our students were able to take away from it."

story by Dominique Irvin



Schools from all over the southeast come to Natchitoches for the 2002 SROW conference. At top is the workshop's program, at center are Georgia universities downtown on the riverbank and at left are NSU's 2002 Freshman Connectors taking a break. More than 70 universities attended SROW.

IM NOT READY

construction to start in spring 2003

The new Fitness and Wellness Center is expected to open in June 2004. With groundbreaking expected by the end of February 2003, the use of the temporary weight room in the basement of Rapides Hall is nearing its end.

Recreational Sports Director Mark Deshotel said the wait has been frustrating and relocating the weight room changed the ratio of men to women who worked out.

"We were at an all-time high of female participation," Deshotel said.

Shelly Smith works at the weight room and said the location was a deterrent for some women.

"It's so out of the way of everything," Smith said. "Plus it's kind of scary."

Student Activities and Organizations Assistant Director Luke Dowden said that when the project was initiated in the late '90s, an SGA-led student survey indicated students wanted a new wellness center.

Since 1999, a \$75 fee has been added for fulltime NSU students each semester. More than \$5.6 million has been collected and placed in a fund to collect interest. The renovations are expected to cost an estimated \$7 million. The new wellness center will include a steam room, a dry sauna, a cardiovascular theater with 18 stations and six televisions, a racquetball court, an up-to-date weight room and a separate free weight area.

"I think it's going to be a huge recruiting aid and a great retention aid," Deshotel said.

He also said there will be one central entrance with a card system to ensure the safety of students.

Some students disagree with paying for a wellness center and not being able to use it.

"I feel like people should be reimbursed for the semesters they paid and didn't have an IM building," said Dee Ross, a freshman CIS major.

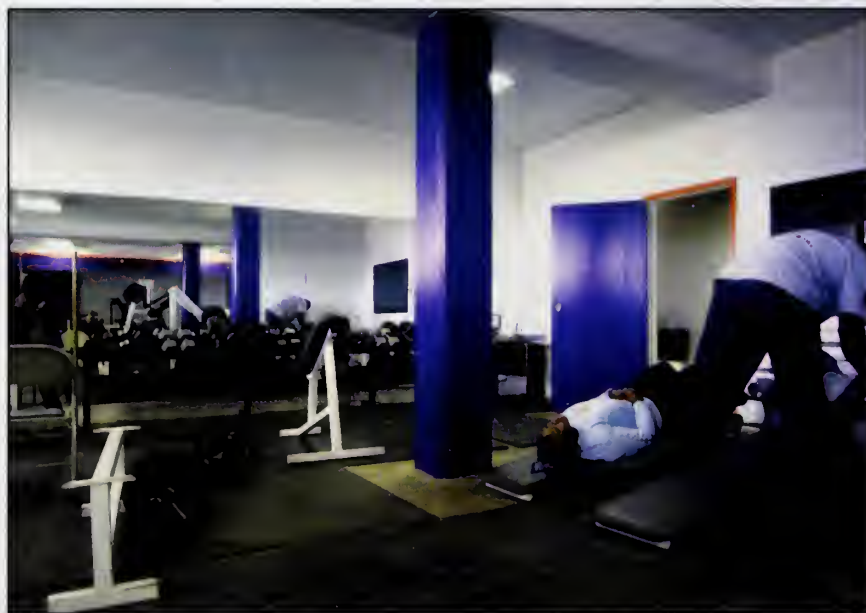
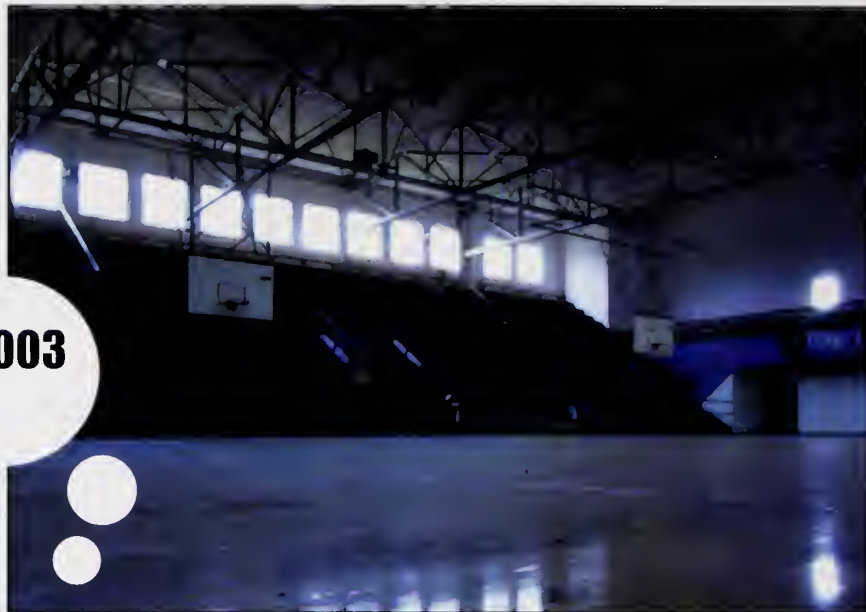
Dowden said students are paying for the new wellness center today in the same manner that students of the past paid for the recreational center golf course, tennis courts and swimming pool as well as the Student Union.

Students will have the option of membership after they graduate for each semester they paid the fees.

The gym floor that was once the place for IM basketball now remains empty as renovations are planned to start spring 2003.

The old IM complex is an eyesore in the middle of the University's campus. The new complex will have many amenities, including a sauna.

University students' only option while the old IM is renovated is to follow the stairs down to the basement of Rapides. Many women felt the location was unsafe and stopped working out.





The weight room in the University's old IM remains dormant as promises of a newly renovated building loom. Officials were scheduled to break ground on the new building in mid-February.

takin' care of BUSINESS

With the unethical behavior displayed by the corporate leaders of Enron and WorldCom and other large corporations during the past year, Northwestern business students may see a change in the near future.

Because of these scandals, graduates from the School of Business will possibly enter an environment that focuses more on ethical practices in business.

This may be very different than many students are expecting. Because of these scandals and also the aftermath of September 11, 2001, the business field has not been up to par over the past year.

Many businesses across the nation experienced a decrease in sales after the terrorist attacks. Some of these include airlines, hotels, tourist centers, restaurants and entertainment industries.

The mixture of the attacks and the business scandals has made Americans more cautious and conservative. In the future, graduates of business schools will have to adapt new methods and techniques for operating businesses under the new climate.

Business administration student Wes Breeden said he hopes the poor decisions of the past year will not have an effect on the overall job market.

"I would say our professors here have tried to instill good ethical decision-making in our classes," he said.

A philosophy course, PHIL-2020, is offered to Northwestern students and explores ethical decision making.

The course, which is taught by Scholars College professor Frasier Snowden, explores historical and recent concepts in ethical decision-making.

Ethics go back as far back as the days of Plato and Socrates. The class also uses panel discussion via Louisiana Public Broadcasting which uses public personalities like Peter Jennings and military leaders to discuss current topics. These include ethics in journalism, education and business.

Wendy's on the strip closed down during the spring semester due to unsatisfactory profits.

Some organizations attacked fast food establishments in 2003, saying they knowingly cause health problems.



America's Top 25 Companies 2003

Rank	Company	Revenues (\$ millions)
1	Wal-Mart Stores	219,812.0
2	Exxon Mobil	191,581.0
3	General Motors	177,260.0
4	Ford Motor	162,412.0
5	Enron	138,718.0
6	General Electric	125,913.0
7	Citigroup	112,022.0
8	ChevronTexaco	99,699.0
9	Intl. Bus. Machines	85,866.0
10	Philip Morris	72,944.0
11	Verizon Comm.	67,190.0
12	American Intl.	62,402.0
13	American Elect. Pwr.	61,257.0
14	Duke Energy	59,503.0
15	AT&T	59,142.0
16	Boeing	58,198.0
17	El Paso	57,475.0
18	Home Depot	53,553.0
19	Bank of America	52,641.0
20	Fannie Mae	50,803.0
21	J.P. Morgan Chase	50,429.0
22	Kroger	50,098.0
23	Cardinal Health	47,947.6
24	Merck	47,715.7
25	State Farm	46,705.2
26	Reliant Energy	46,225.8
27	SBC Communications	45,908.0
28	Hewlett-Packard	45,226.0
29	Morgan Stanley	43,727.0
30	Dynegy	42,242.0
31	McKesson	42,010.0
32	Sears Roebuck	41,078.0
33	Aquila	40,376.8
34	Target	39,888.0
35	Procter & Gamble	39,244.0
36	Merrill Lynch	38,793.0
37	AOL Time Warner	38,234.0
38	Albertson's	37,931.0
39	Berkshire Hathaway	37,668.0
40	Kmart	36,910.0
41	Freddie Mac	35,523.0
42	WorldCom	35,179.0
43	Marathon Oil	35,041.0
44	Costco Wholesale	34,797.0
45	Safeway	34,301.0
46	Compaq Computer	33,554.0
47	Johnson & Johnson	33,004.0
48	Conoco	32,795.0
49	Pfizer	32,259.0
50	J.C. Penney	32,004.0

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Story by Darla Williford



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MELTING POT

nsu's diverse international community remains strong

NSU international students travel great distances to study the arts and other curriculum, play on the sports teams and experience American culture.

Anneline Zerwick was recruited during her senior year of high school to play on the tennis team. Zerwick accepted NSU's offer last spring and left her homeland of South Africa. Zerwick's said her busy practice schedule and demanding academics leave her little time to miss her family.

"I am so busy with everything. It makes it easier that we [the tennis team] are all so far away from home. We can relate to each other," Zerwick said.

Other members of the team are from Venezuela, Columbia, Australia and Canada. There is only one American on the team. Zerwick said her favorite thing about NSU is Varnado Hall, her place of residence.

"We have our own little community on third west. People are very accepting."

The people aren't the only thing that Zerwick will not forget in America. "I will be haunted by the quarter for the rest of my life. Every time I see a quarter I think laundry," Zerwick said.

International student Ana-Maria Fusu came to America to study piano when she was selected as part of an international group. Mark Zeltser, an accomplished pianist, chose the students to study at Centenary College.

Zeltser left the university unexpectedly, so the international group transferred to NSU to continue their study of piano. Others in the group are from Vietnam, Catvia, and the Chez Republic.

"America is a very controversial country, but in a good way. In America you have the right of choice and you make your own life," Fusu said.

Fusu has been studying piano for 17 years. She practices four or five hours a day so she has little time to think about the distance from home.

"I am so busy it doesn't leave me any room to miss my home. It has taken me entirely," Fusu said. "Art is not just a job; it is a lifestyle."



Many NSU students don't realize how much international diversity there is on campus. This Varnado dorm room is home to two international students.

Anneline Zerwick is an international student who likes America. She says that she will be haunted by the quarter for the rest of her life because of laundry chores.





Ana-Maria Fusu
practices playing the
piano for four or five
hours daily. Many
international students
enjoy NSU's art and
athletic communities.

Summer looked for long am I,
Much shall change, or ere I die;
Prithee take it not amiss
Though I weary you with bliss.
- Sir Burn-Jones





(summer)



Zack Thomas takes in the sights on Front Street. Downtown coffee houses, bookstores and cafes are popular with Northwestern students. Natchitoches is a vintage town and NSU students often enjoy shopping at Goodwill for retro clothes.

SHAGADELIC

(baby)

Vintage Look Comes Back Into Style

story by Darla Wiliford



Thorne LaCaze wears a coat lined with furry cotton. These coats were popular in the '70s and made a comeback in 2002.

It seems as though clothing stores and shopping malls have stepped back into the '70s with the latest trends. Many of the current styles are the same things that our parents wore back in their day. A few of the new styles include a wide range from hippie style clothing to bowling shoes.

"I think it's kind of funny that I'm wearing the same kind of clothes that my mom wore," said senior Stacie Cosby.

For the girls, shirts with flower patterns and flaring sleeves have become very popular. Fringe belts and hip hugger pants have also been a big hit lately. Brown and camel have been very big colors this year. These colors can be found from the crystal necklaces with brown leather chains to the latest pointy-toed boots with high spiked heels.

"I don't own any of the trendy high heels but I can see why some of the girls are wearing them. It's the in thing," Cosby said.

Specialty made jeans have also been a big hit. Whether you like rhinestones or the grunge look, there is a style of jeans for all of you out there.

"We'll probably be hitting some other decade soon. I think we're gradually meshing into the eighties style clothing already," Cosby said.

Guys' clothing has turned more retro than ever. Remember those shirts that your fathers and grandfathers wore that you swore you would never put on your body? They're the latest trend! Brown shirts with white collars are sprouting up everywhere.

Bowling shoes have hit the market with a stunning success. Although it is weird to think we are wearing the same types of clothes that our parents wore, it seems as though anything with a vintage label will sell these days.

'70s style bowling shoes are a popular accessory with many NSU students



i heart MUSIC

Students find Comfort through Music

We've all been there! Three tests are scheduled on the same day, two papers are due and you just had a fight with your significant other. The stress is starting to build and you're desperate for a break. What do you do?

Not surprisingly many students find solace in music. Whether it is a favorite metal hit, playing guitar or just listening to the radio on the way to class, chances are music has been a source of comfort during crunch times.

Music has long been used as a method of meditation and self-expression and its popularity is evident around the University campus. With a wide variety of genres available, students often listen to different types of music for different situations. Everything from ancient tribal rhythms to today's rap-metal and pop songs serves as a release from daily stress.

"You have to make your own soundtrack to life," says freshman Lindsay Larcom. "It's everyone's universal medicine."

Some take music a step further than playing the radio and play an instrument. Writing and playing original music in a band can be a very personal outlet.

"Listening to a CD captures what the artist is feeling and trying to express at that moment in time. Playing live is kind of like a creative event," says sophomore Trevor Bates, bass player of the Natchitoches-based band *Kelvin*. "I think music is an audio expression of emotion and character."

Katy Macky plays her saxophone. McPhie is among many students who find comfort through music.

Devin Steward is a snare drum player in the University band. He has been playing drums for many years and finds his music a fulfilling pastime.





Junior Industrial technology major Chris Wilson plays one of his seven types of guitars, including a vintage Gretsch Chet Atkins Tennessee that belonged to his grandfather.



Junior chemistry major
Seth Fornea works out
daily. His regime
includes circuits and
strength training. His
friends say he is
extremely focused and a
good source of
motivation.

"The worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself."

—Mark Twain

"I care not so much what I am to others as what I am to myself."

—Michel Eyquem de Montaigne

"The longest journey is the journey inward."

—Dag Hammarskjöld

"If I have lost confidence in myself, I have the universe against me."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

"You can be pleased with nothing when you are not pleased with yourself."

—Lady Mary Wortley Montagu

"I was brought up to believe that how I saw myself was more important than how others saw me."

—Anwar el-Sadat

the STUDENT'S body

what it takes to look good

Spiritual quotes about self worth are an important part to many student's daily regimine. Psychiatrists say they provide motivation and sometimes act as a focal point of inspiration for readers to constantly better themselves.



Senior Andy Dye gets a haircut in Guys and Girls hair salon on campus. Students are constantly in search for a better a look.

The stereotypical college lifestyle -- parties, beer, late night study sessions -- breeds bad habits that are easy to adopt and hard to break. Some students get so obsessed with their self-image they resort to binge dieting and other harmful regimens. It's liberating to be in charge of where you go and what you eat, that freedom comes with personal responsibility.

Finding the time to work out in college can be a challenge -- especially if you're already juggling that part-time job. The good news is that you don't have to exercise for hours at a time to stay in shape. Break your workout into 10-to 30-minute increments and spread them throughout the day. For instance, spend 10 minutes stretching in the morning, walk to class across campus in the afternoon (20 minutes), and do push-ups, lunges and other strengthening exercises during study breaks at home.

Team sports -- like basketball, volleyball and soccer -- are great because they are fun and engaging. Women of college age are particularly susceptible to eating disorders and other problems relating to body image. Therefore, intramural sports are ideal because they tend to focus more on performance rather than physical appearance. Also, learning to work as a team builds many valuable skills that can be used later in life such as communication and cooperation.

Some students also spend hours and hours in the tanning bed. Tanning at a minimum is not very harmful to your health but being obsessed with having a perfect bronze can lead to eye damage, unwanted skin spots and cataracts.

Most psychiatrists say it's in college when students get to know themselves. When someone is comfortable with himself or herself, they'll lead a healthier lifestyle.

a HAIRY situation

New Hairstyles of 2002-03

story by Darla Williford

Hairstyles change with every season, but there are some that were very popular throughout 2002. The past couple of years, it seemed as though more and more people were slowly becoming blond. This year, more people are returning to their natural color. Some opt for outrageous colors. Freshman Geof Taylor said, "Hair is a great way to express individuality and should be fun. When it starts to become a chore CUT IT OFF."

Hair glues and gels have been popular tools with guys. Tall, spiky hairstyles are a new trend. Some guys choose a more natural look. Long, shaggy hair has also become popular. Many like the messy "bed head" look.

For a while, it was popular for girls to have short hair that flipped out at the ends, but many girls are returning to long hair. Flat irons and straighteners have become popular to get a sleek, silky look. Some girls, however, like very short hair that flares in the back. This gives a sort of messy look also. For this hairstyle, girls use the same hair glues and gels that the guys use.

Many of these hairstyles go along with the retro look that has become so popular among students.



Brad braids his hair.

Braided hair has recently become a popular trend again.

Senior business major

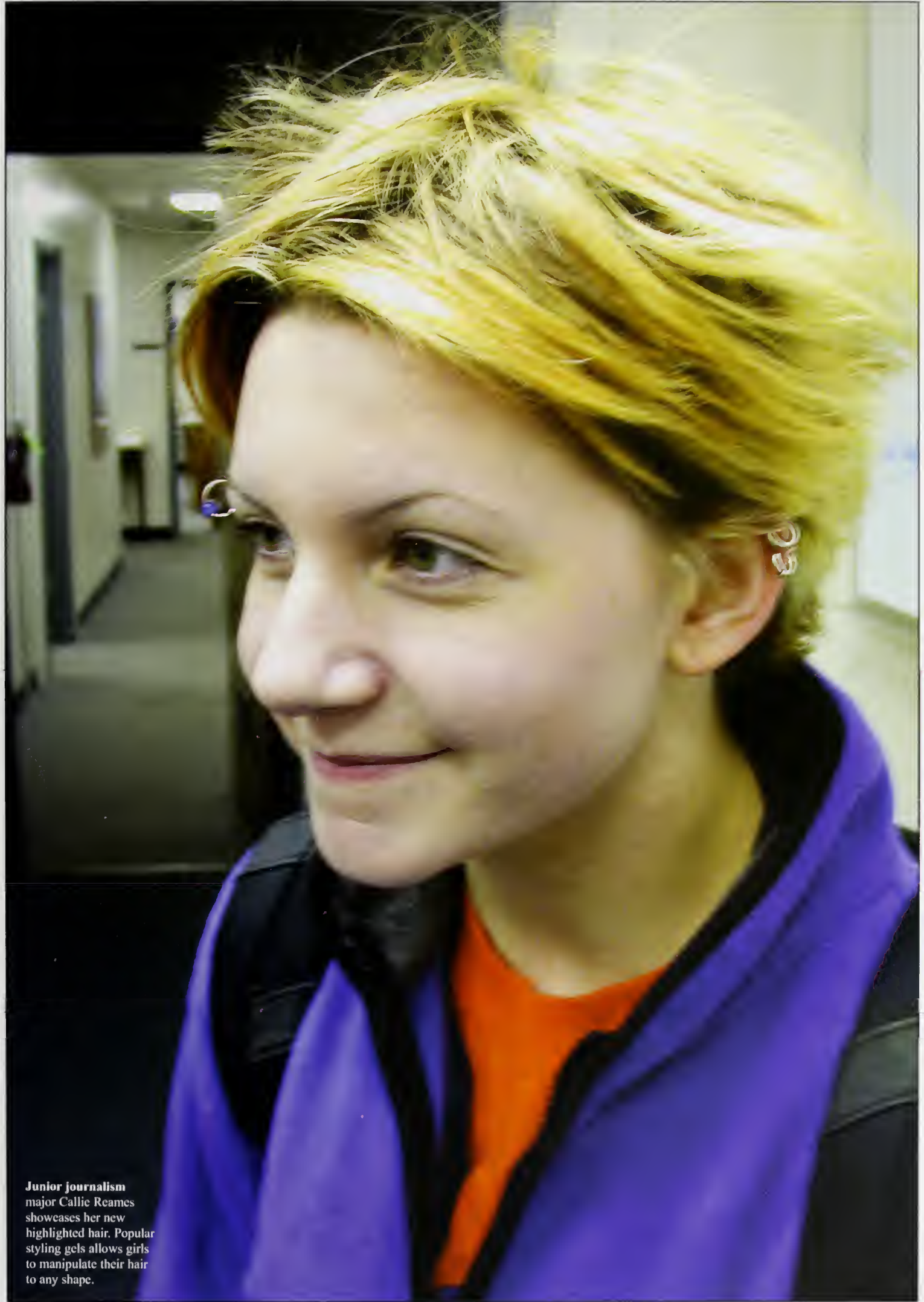
Chad Black opts for longer hair with highlights. Long hair, inspired by Abercrombie and Fitch, became popular for men in 2002.



Junior health and

exercise science major Lindsey Hicks hangs out with her friends outside of the student union. Flipped out hair, which was popular in the '20s, became a popular trend again in 2002.





Junior journalism
major Callie Reames
showcases her new
highlighted hair. Popular
styling gels allows girls
to manipulate their hair
to any shape.



A simple task like seeing a chalk board can be tough for students with impaired vision. Through the latest contact and surgical technology, vision correction became easier than ever in 2002.



SIGHT for sore eyes

Glasses Remain Trendy for 2002

story by Josh Green

"Glasses can give a person a completely different look," notes nearsighted Scholars College junior Scott Manguno.

Scott, who has been wearing glasses since high school, says he understands why glasses have become a fashion statement.

"I've seen people who don't even need glasses wear them anyway," he said. "If they fit their face, I believe the look works."

He also noted that depending on glasses to see can be tough.

"I used to laugh at my mom when she would walk into the dairy section of the grocery store and her lenses would fog up. Now, I'm understanding how much of a pain wearing glasses can be and see the practicality of cartoon characters' windshield wipers."

The latest laser corrective surgery has become practical within the last two years. Corrective surgery now averages about \$2000 per eye and doctors promise a short recovery time.

"Vision correction will definitely be the first and the only elective surgery I'll have," Scott said.

He said the biggest drawback is having something weighing a few pounds rest on your face all day.

"I really sympathize with those people who wear the Lisa Loeb glasses...those things are heavy," he said.

Some of the latest technology: paper-thin lenses and ultra-thin unbreakable lenses with featherweight frames. One of the biggest trends recently is new contact inventions.

Contact wearers can change their eye color and even support their favorite sports team. In 2002, a nationally known contact lens company unveiled "eye candy." The new contact lenses place the symbol of a fan's favorite team over his or her eyeball. In November 2002, researchers unveiled new contact lenses that correct vision without surgery. The lenses gradually reshape the retina to improve vision.

"I could never wear contacts," Scott said. "The idea of sticking my finger and a piece of plastic in my eye every day just isn't appealing to me."

Until corrective surgery and other optical advances, Scott and others will continue to set eyeglasses trends.

Many college students are dependent on eye glasses when studying, taking notes in class, and reading computers.



Sophomore University
College student Mike Wagley wears black thick-rimmed glasses. This style was trendy in 2002, brought back by singer Lisa Loeb.

FAST and FURIOUS

Cars Become Man's Best Friend

story by Josh Green

Guys have dreamed about it since they were little kids: looking cool in a comfortable machine that can drive as fast as a speed racer.

Street racing cars became one of the hot items of 2002. They were made popular by Hollywood's *Fast and Furious* movie released in 2001 and documentaries like *True Life: I'm a Street Racer*.

Northwestern Junior Chad Black purchased his speedster: a 2001 Honda Accord. With a few alterations (legal ones, of course) Chad hit the road for all to see.

"I wanted something different from everyone else," he said.

Black, a business major from San Diego, California, said a car like his is a common occurrence back home.

"There are definitely more race-inspired cars in California than here in Natchitoches," he said.

Black said there is one major drawback to sporting a speedster in Natchitoches.

"I can't drive my car down Front Street because it sits so low to the ground," he said.

The rims on the Accord are 18-by-8 inches. The popular slang for rims measuring more than 18 inches is "dubs."

The constant revolving rims were released to the public in 2002. These new rims were created as a prototype for superstar Shaquille O'Neal. The rims rotate on an independent axis while the car is stopped.

There is a price to pay for having a car inspired by the fast and furious. Black has paid more than \$500 in speeding tickets within the last year; one for 77 in a 55 mile zone.

"It is pretty tempting when your car can top out at over 130," he said.

Senior business major
Chad Black inspects the back fender of his car.

Black is one of many students who have taken to the trend of "souping up" their vehicles.

Japanese lettering has
become a big vehicle trend over the past year.

The owner of this vehicle wanted the translation to remain private.

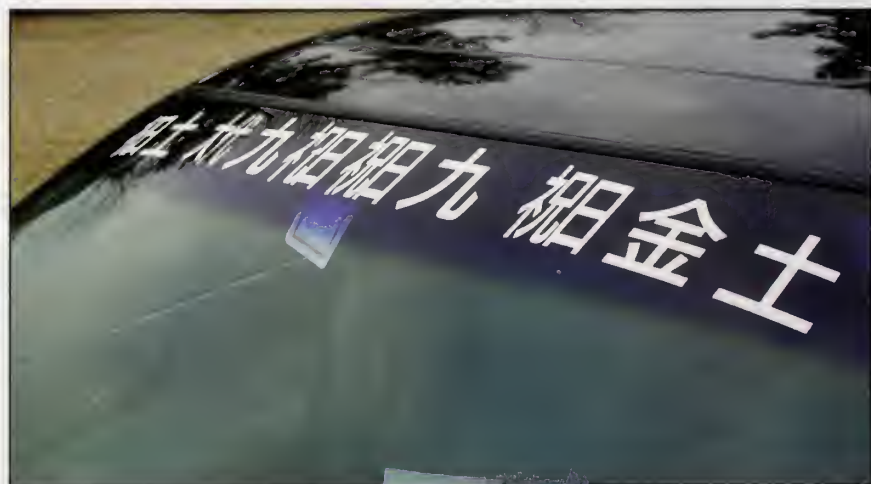


TOP SELLING CARS 2002

1. Toyota Camry
2. Honda Accord
3. Honda Civic
4. Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
5. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
6. Chevrolet Silverado
7. Toyota Corolla
8. Ford Taurus
9. Chevrolet Caprice
10. Ford F-150 pickup

TOP STOLEN CARS 2002

1. Honda Accord
2. Toyota Camry
3. Chevrolet Full-Size Pickup
4. Jeep Cherokee/Grand Cherokee
5. Honda Civic and CRX
6. Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme
7. Ford F-150 pickup
8. Ford Mustang
9. Dodge Caravan
10. Toyota Corolla





The latest trends in
customized automobiles
are ground effects, five-
rim wheels, duals, and
blue-tinted lighting.

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ANIMAL HOUSE

Students Find Companionship with Pets

story by Josh Green

Animals are an important part of our lives. We have watched them on our favorite cartoons like *Scooby-Doo* or Battle Cat on *He-Man*.

We have seen Presidential dogs in the White House like Clinton's "Buddy" and Bush's "Barney."

Some veterinarians say college students can still enjoy the companionship of an animal and be financially stable.

While in college, many students look for companionship. Unfortunately, state laws restrict them from keeping pets in their dorm rooms.

Off campus students have the privilege of owning animals.

"Duke's good company," said senior Wade Devillier.

Devillier can often be seen by Cane River walking his dog, Duke.

Veterinarians say dogs and cats are the number one pick for college students. Pet food can run anywhere from \$5 to \$20 per week and shots can cost even more than that.

According to the American Kennel Association, purchasing a dog in 2002 cost an average of \$200. This included the price of the animal and the shots.

"While you're in college, sometimes money gets tight but there are times when you come home and need a companion," said *Current Sauce* editor Kaleb Breaux.

Breaux received a black cat for Christmas 2002.

"It's hard for a college student to afford the upkeep when they have a pet," he said. "But overall, I think it's worth it."

Vets say goldfish are probably the most inexpensive pets college students can have. The average cost is just more than \$1. Fish do not eat much, so food for the fish is quite cheap.

FAVORITE ANIMALS OF OUR GENERATION

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|---|--|
| 1. Scooby-Doo | 43. Taz |
| 2. Garfield and Odie | 44. Porky Pig |
| 3. Winnie the Pooh | 45. Wilbur from <i>Charlotte's Web</i> |
| 4. Clifford the Red Dog | 46. Babe |
| 5. 101 Dalmatians | 47. Lassie |
| 6. Puff the Magic Dragon | 48. Lady and the Tramp |
| 7. Tigger | 49. Spud McKensie |
| 8. Woodstock from <i>Snoopy</i> | 50. Eeyore |
| 9. Beethoven | 51. Einstein from <i>Back to the Future</i> |
| 10. Buddy (President Clinton) | 52. Oscar the Grouch |
| 11. Thumper from <i>Bambi</i> | 53. ALF |
| 12. Sonic the Hedgehog | 54. Heathcliff the cat |
| 13. Poppel dolls | 55. Cookie Monster |
| 14. Glow Worm dolls | 56. Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles |
| 15. Teddy Rumskin | 57. Slimer from <i>Ghostbusters</i> |
| 16. The Smurfs | 58. Donkey Kong |
| 17. The Gummy bears | 59. Roger Rabbit |
| 18. Wuzzles | 60. Plucky Duck from <i>Tiny Toons</i> |
| 19. Animaniacs | 61. Crash Bandicoot |
| 20. Care Bears | 62. Scrooge McDuck from <i>Ducktails</i> |
| 21. Yogi Bear | 63. The Beast from <i>Beauty and the Beast</i> |
| 22. Sylvester and Tweety | 64. The Snorks |
| 23. Tom and Jerry | 65. Battlecat from He-Man |
| 24. Bugs Bunny | 66. Santa's Little Helper from <i>The Simpsons</i> |
| 25. Foghorn Leghorn | 67. "Azrael" from the Smurfs |
| 26. Benji | 68. Hobbes from <i>Calvin and Hobbes</i> |
| 27. Mickey Mouse | 69. McGruff the Crime Dog |
| 28. Minnie Mouse | 70. Falcore from <i>The Never Ending Story</i> |
| 29. Daffy Duck | 71. Frankenwienie |
| 30. Chip 'n Dale | 72. Beethoven's 2nd |
| 31. Milo and Otis | 73. Sparky from <i>South Park</i> |
| 32. The Fragiles from <i>Fragile Rock</i> | 74. Battletoads |
| 33. Miss Piggy | 75. Goofy |
| 34. The Chia Pet | 76. Gentle Ben |
| 35. Big Bird | 77. Darkwing Duck |
| 36. Kermit the Frog | |
| 37. Snuffleupakus | |
| 38. Ol' Yeller | |
| 39. Animal from <i>The Muppets</i> | |
| 40. My Little Pony | |
| 41. Fozzie "woka woka" | |
| 42. Rocky and Bullwinkle | |

NSU junior Wade Devillier spends time with his black lab, Duke, on Cane River Lake. The American Kennel Association estimates about 15% of all college students own dogs.





Graduate student
Mariann Wilson plays
with her cat, Charlie, as
he smiles for the camera.

A mosquito bites the arm of an NSU student. Red inflammation and itching are the results of an allergic reaction to a mosquito's saliva.



MOSQUITOES SUCK

the fun out of summer 2002

story by Darla Williford

An epidemic bit its way into Louisiana during summer 2002: a virus that was previously isolated to the Eastern Hemisphere. The national Center for Disease Control first discovered West Nile virus in New York in 1999. By 2002, the virus traveled to more than 40 states and the District of Columbia.

Mosquitoes draw the virus from infected birds and then transfer it to humans and other mammals through bites. When the virus gets into the blood stream, it causes encephalitis and becomes deadly. More than 300 cases of West Nile and 15 deaths were reported in Louisiana through November 1, 2002.

Because of the extensive outbreak in the state, the government and citizens took several actions. Some Louisiana residents saw new mosquito prevention programs. They also watched carefully for standing water. Local citizens, including Northwestern students, took many precautions to protect themselves from the mosquitoes.

Students said they stayed indoors during dusk and dawn. If they had to be outside during these times, they wore long-sleeved clothing and used mosquito repellent. Authorities hoped the virus would die out with the mosquitoes during the winter months.

The Natchitoches Parish Health Unit and the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury included Turpin Stadium and the entire campus while conducting a spraying program for mosquitoes.

Greg Burke, director of athletics at NSU, said the program hopefully alleviated concerns surrounding outdoor events on campus.

"We certainly appreciate the proactive approach by local officials as we begin the fall semester, and in particular, the football season, on campus," said Burke. "It's the sensible thing to do."

Some students chose not to take many precautions to avoid the virus.

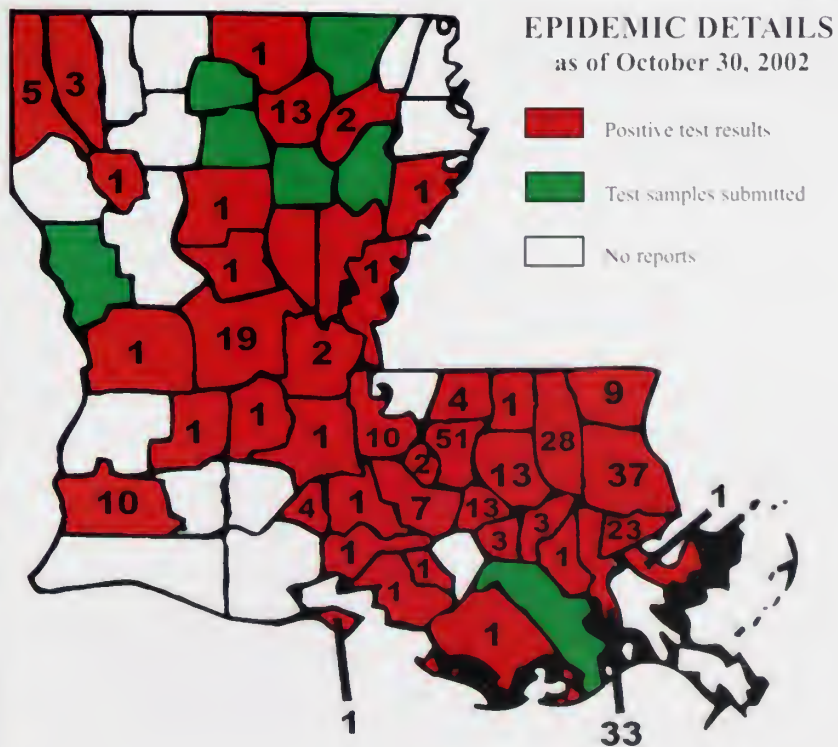
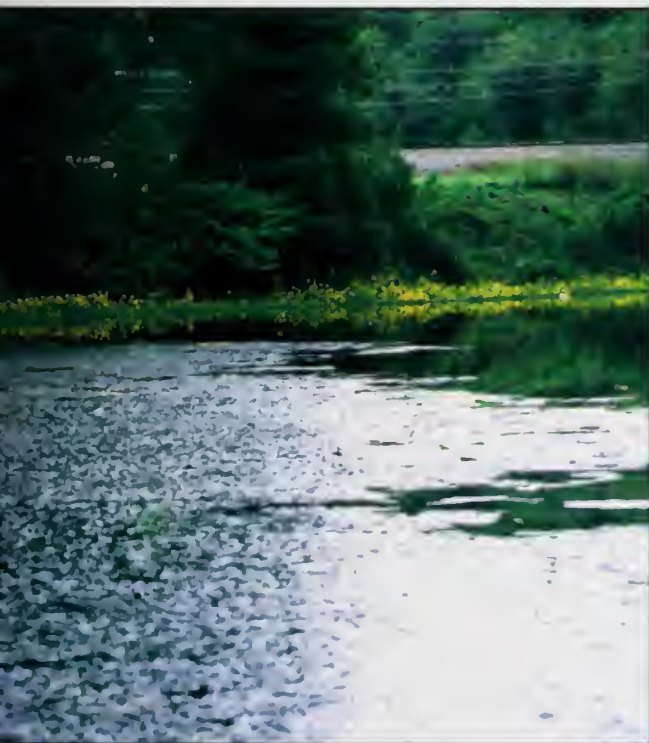
"I just really wasn't worried about it," said junior David Cummings.

"At one point, I spent at least nine months out of the year in the woods in the military. I certainly would have had taken precautions then. I really don't do much running out in the woods right now, so I really don't care about it," said senior Eric A. Boyn.

Only female mosquitoes require the protein from blood to lay their eggs. Males rely solely on a diet of nectar.

Chaplin's Lake is an ideal breeding place for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes usually lay their eggs at night. One set sticks together to form a raft of up to 300 eggs.





1881

First cola-flavored beverage is introduced

1899

First patent for a glass blowing machine used to produce glass bottles

Early 1920s

Automatic vending machines begin to dispense sodas in cups

1923

Introduction of six-pack cartons called Home-Paks

1934

Color labels are used to merchandise products

1952

First diet soft drink introduced

1958

First aluminum cans are introduced

1959

First diet cola is introduced

1962

Easy opening, pull-ring tabs are first available

1965

Soft drinks in aluminum cans appear in vending machines

1965

Resealable tops are invented

1970

Plastic bottles are first used for soft drinks

1974

The stay-on tab is invented

Early 1990's

Clear colas manufactured



Senior Harlie O'Neal takes part in the *Potpourri* taste test. In 2002, four different cola companies introduced new products.

OPERATION CARBONATION

the cola war continues in 2002

Before World War I and the Cold War, cola companies were fighting a war. The feud spans 100 years and affects the lives of billions around the world.

It started with the invention of Coca-Cola in 1886. The new beverage was named after the coca leaves and kola nuts used as ingredients. It was more than ten years before a rival cola hit the market. The creation of Pepsi-Cola in 1898 marked the outbreak of the first battle in the Cola War.

The War continues on a new front today with the distribution of Vanilla Coke and Pepsi Blue. Vanilla Coke appeared in soda shops for years but was never mass-produced. In 2002 it was brought into stores as a mixture of Coca-Cola Classic and sweet vanilla. Pepsi Blue is a fusion of berry and cola. Pepsi started the distribution of the soda in August 2002. Code Red Mountain Dew marched onto the market in 2000 and continues to hold a strong front. Dr Pepper joined the battle and created Red Fusion as an alternative to Cherry Coke and Wild Cherry Pepsi.

Armed with catchy slogans and finger-snapping jingles, the Cola War has become increasingly competitive. To help create alliances with consumers, the companies have enlisted some of Hollywood's stars and pop-rock's elite to endorse their products. Michael Jackson, Madonna and Britney Spears have all appeared in Pepsi ads. Coca-Cola countered Pepsi's move by featuring The Supremes, Michael Jordan and Christina Aguilera. Dr Pepper used Garth Brooks, The Black-Eyed Peas and Mark McGrath as ammunition. Mountain Dew fired back with an urban marketing strategy that uses graffiti-art designs and inner-city elements.

story by Shelley Sparks

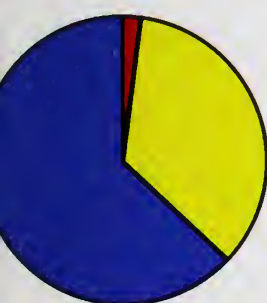
Red Fusion, Vanilla Coke, Pepsi Blue, appear in vending machines for the first time in 2002. Mountain Dew Code Red was voted the best new soda and was introduced in 2000.



Pepsi Blue does not fare well in the *Potpourri* taste test. Harlie O'Neal said Pepsi should throw in the 'white flag' in the Cola War.

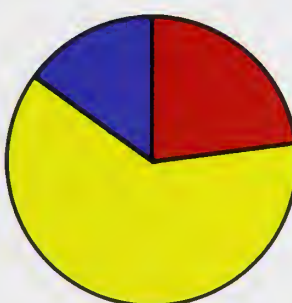


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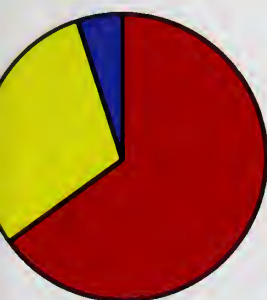
Pepsi Blue

■	Blue Heaven	2%
■	Blue Purgatory	35%
■	Blue Hell	63%



Dr. Pepper: Red Fusion

■	Red Hot	23%
■	Lukewarm	62%
■	Pepsi Blue	15%



Vanilla Coke

■	Vanilla Sky	65%
■	Vanilla Water	30%
■	Vanilla Pepsi Blue	5%



Mountain Dew: Code Red

■	Mountain Fresh	71%
■	Sea Level	26%
■	Dew Dew	3%

TRIPLE PLAY

three selected in major league

Northwestern State senior pitchers O.J. King, Carl Makowsky and third baseman Tyler Durham were picked in the 2002 Major League Baseball draft.

Makowsky and King were selected June 4 on the opening day of the draft and Durham went on the second day.

King was the 225th player picked, going in the eighth round to the Cincinnati Reds. Makowsky went in the 18th round as the 526th overall pick to the Baltimore Orioles. The St. Louis Cardinals chose Durham in the 37th round.

King and Makowsky posted an overall 81-34 record in the last two seasons. King was the SLC Pitcher of the Year in 2002 after winning SLC Newcomer of the Year honors last year. Makowsky was a second-team All-SLC pick as a junior.

King went 8-4 with a 2.63 ERA in 2002, striking out 86 in 106 innings. Makowsky was 6-5 with a 4.67 ERA in 90.2 innings, striking out 59.

Durham hit .295 in 111 career games in his two seasons at NSU. He had 11 home runs, 85 RBI, 27 doubles and 9 triples with 30 stolen bases. He was honorable mention All-Southland Conference as a senior when he led the Demons with 22 stolen bases and was part of a defense that ranked fifth nationally in fielding.

"We're proud of the program's record of turning out professional caliber pitchers," said Northwestern coach Mitch Gaspard. "There's no question that O.J. and Carl can have really productive pro careers."

King said, "It's a great opportunity and it's all you can ask for. I want to make the most of this."

"This is the chance you dream of and I appreciate everybody who has helped make it possible," said Makowsky.

Carl Makowsky tags an opponent from Texas-Corpus Cristi at home plate. The Baltimore Orioles selected Makowsky in the 18th round of the Major League draft as the 526th overall pick.

Tyler Durham, O.J. King and Carl Makowsky were all selected in the 2002 Major League Draft.

O.J. King pitches in a game against Arkansas-Little Rock. King was the 225th player picked in the 2002 draft. He was selected in the eighth round by the Cincinnati Reds.





Tyler Durham turns for a double play after tagging the bag for an out against Minnesota. Durham was chosen by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round of the 2002 Major League draft.

former southland stars hit

PRIMETIME

Former Northwestern State University quarterback Craig Nall celebrated his 23rd birthday with a Green Bay Packer jersey. But this jersey had his name stitched on the back. Nall was now a Green Bay Packer.

Craig Nall was born in Alexandria, LA, in 1979. His mother taught physically disabled children while his dad sold cars. Nall enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Nall always loved sports, but football was not always his first choice. He began playing sports early when he took up tee-ball. Nall chose to work on his quarterback skills in his freshman year of high school instead of playing baseball. The next year he earned the starting position as quarterback, but also decided to return to the diamond. There he played every position except outfielder and catcher. Nall turned down the chance to play professional baseball and focused on college football. In 1999 Nall earned a starting position as quarterback at Louisiana State University.

Nall started the first game of the '99 season, but soon began to see less playing time. He fell from starting quarterback to third string. Nall might have earned the starting position the following year had he not broken his thumb. In 2001, he transferred to Northwestern State University and filled the starting quarterback position.

In 2001 he led the Demons to the Division I-AA playoffs with an 8-4 record. Nall threw 2,022 yards, a University record. He had 11 touchdown completions with only three interceptions, all on deflections. He also excelled in track at NSU and finished second in the javelin throw in the Southland Conference.

Another NSU standout, Nathan Black, set Northwestern State single-game receiving records and finished third on the Demons' career receiving list. Black signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Carolina Panthers in 2002.



Nathan Black stretches to catch the ball. Black, who set Northwestern State single-game receiving records and finished third on the Demons' career receiving list, signed a free agent contract with the NFL's Carolina Panthers.



Nall passes to Marque Nelson. Nall's passing total gave him four of the top 10 single-game totals in school history.

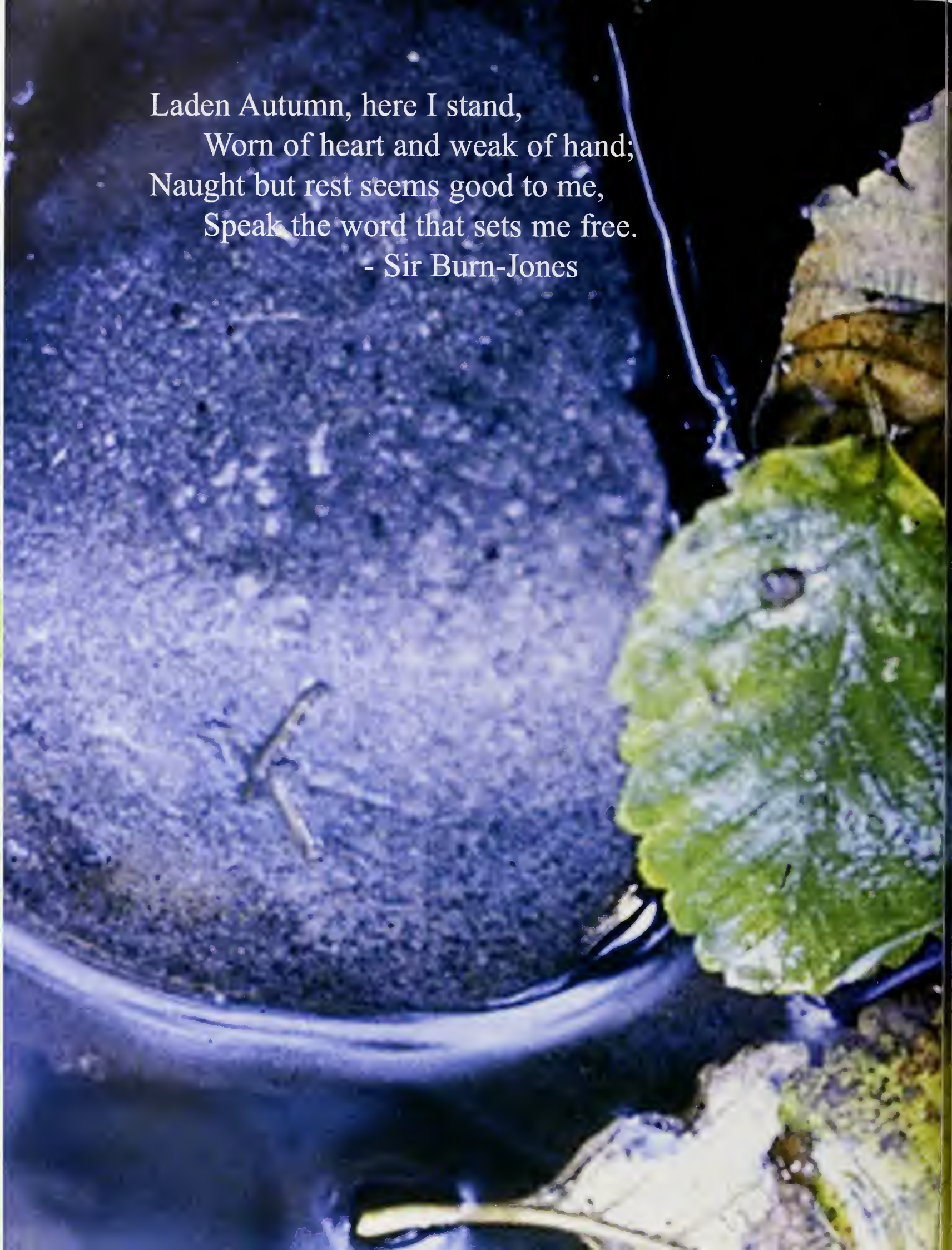
It didn't add to his Demon single-season record total of 2,022 yards due to NCAA guidelines that exempt the stats from a postseason game against Montana from career totals.

Nall waits for the snap in a game against Southern. He earned the players' vote as 2002 Demon Offensive Most Valuable Player.





Nall drops back to pass
in a game against Texas
Christian University.

A close-up photograph of a green leaf with a small hole, resting on a dark, textured surface. The leaf is on the right side of the frame, and the dark surface occupies the left and center. The text is overlaid on the dark surface.

Laden Autumn, here I stand,
Worn of heart and weak of hand;
Naught but rest seems good to me,
Speak the word that sets me free.
- Sir Burn-Jones



(fall)

a click back to the CLASSICS

Each year Northwestern has a special week set aside for the alumni and students. This year the University held Homecoming on the week of October 14-19. The theme was "Click Back to the Classics." Various events throughout the week had a tie-in with old television sitcoms.

The week began with the kick-off party in front of the Student Union. It included a cookout, the Northwestern pep band and members of the Honor Court. This was the first year for the kick-off party, and the Student Activities Board was pleased with the turnout. They hope the kick-off party will become a tradition during Homecoming week. The festivities continued the next day with Starflicks. This event gave students the opportunity to make their own music videos. The lip-sync contest and Homecoming hunnies contest were big events. The festivities continued with the annual IM fun run and block party. In other activities, students watched the movie "Signs" in Prather Coliseum and kicked it up a notch at the annual bonfire at the bottom of Greek Hill.

The biggest surprise was yet to come. TV talk show queen Oprah Winfrey made an unexpected appearance at the Homecoming parade. She was also a big hit at the pep rally on the riverfront at the end of the parade route. At the pep rally, members of the Honor Court and senior football members were presented. Winners of the float contests were also announced. Homecoming week ended with Saturday's football game against Southwest Oklahoma University. There are many unique and traditional events involved with Homecoming week, and it is hopeful that these events will carry on into the future.

story by Darla Williford



Kevin Magee passes the ball during the Homecoming game against Southwest Oklahoma. The Demons shut out the Bulldogs 38-0.



Football captain Ben Beach speaks at Homecoming pep rally held on the downtown riverfront.

The NSU danceline waves to onlookers during the University's Homecoming parade.





Derrick Johnese breaks away from the Bulldog defense. The Demons rushed 104 yards on seven carries by Johnese, including a 69-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter.





full student

OPRAH

supports the color purple again

story by Josh Green, editor in chief

The queen of Homecoming 2002 shared the spotlight with the queen of daytime talk.

In September, Natchitoches resident Peggy Plunkett flew to Chicago to watch a taping of the Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah, like many television hosts, converses with members of the audience; it gives the show a friendlier atmosphere. When Plunkett stood up, she gave Oprah an invitation to Natchitoches.

"She said everyone in Natchitoches loves you," Winfrey told a local television station. "I asked her if EVERYONE really loved me...if I come to Natchitoches, no one will be watching Springer, will they?"

To the surprise of Plunkett and the entire city of Natchitoches, Winfrey's jet flew into the city on Oct. 18.

Mayor Wayne McCullen asked if Oprah would ride in Northwestern's Homecoming parade.

"Oprah said, 'can Peggy ride, too?'" said Peggy Plunkett.

Oprah stopped by President Randall Webb's home and talked with him and his wife, Brenda. She then posed for a few shots with members of NSU's Honor Court and some of its faculty before taking a seat next to Plunkett on a red Corvette.

Many Northwestern fans had no idea Oprah would be the parade's Grand Marshall. People screamed along the side of the road as Oprah passed with waves and a smile. Once she arrived at the pep rally, Oprah spoke to the crowd on the riverbank.

Less than a month later, the Oprah Winfrey Show featured Natchitoches and some of its residents, including Webb, McCullen, and Plunkett.

Oprah poses with Northwestern's 2002 Honor Court in front of President Webb's home. The queen of daytime talk visited the Webbs and the Honor Court before riding in the Homecoming parade.

Oprah cheers as she rides with Peggy Plunkett during the University's Homecoming parade. Plunkett was surprised when Winfrey knocked on her front door Oct. 18. Oprah's reason for the visit: Plunkett told her "everyone in Natchitoches loves you" at a taping of *The Oprah Winfrey Show* two weeks before.



1954

Oprah is born in Kosciusko, Mississippi

1971

WVOL in Nashville hires Oprah as a reporter. She enrolls at Tennessee State.

1972

Oprah is named Miss Black Tennessee. She switches media and becomes the first African-American anchor at Nashville's WTVF-TV.

1977

She moves to Baltimore to co-anchor the six o'clock news and WJZ-TV's *People Are Talking*.

1984

She relocates to Chicago to WLS-TV's morning talk show, *AM Chicago*. The show is number one a month later. In less than a year, the show expands to one hour and is renamed *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

1985

Oprah makes her film debut in *The Color Purple*. She receives nominations for a Golden Globe and an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress.

1986

Oprah's show enters syndication and will remain the number one talk show for fourteen consecutive seasons.

1996

Oprah receives the Peabody Individual Achievement Award and the International Radio and Television Society's Gold Medal Award.

1997

Oprah begins her book club. All Oprah Book Club selections to date are instant bestsellers.

1998

Time Magazine names Oprah one of the 100 most influential people of the 20th century. Her show has 15 to 20 million viewers in the United States and exposure in 132 countries including Bangladesh, Cyprus, Mongolia and Singapore.

2002

Oprah surprises Natchitoches by dropping in to visit a guest of her show. She is Grand Marshall of the University's Homecoming parade.





Oprah acknowledges the cheers from fans during Northwestern's 2002 Homecoming parade. Oprah's visit received much attention from the press around the state and nation.

remembering 9-11

story by Britton Faucon

In a proclamation to the citizens of the United States of America, President George W. Bush declared September 11, 2002, as Patriot Day. Northwestern State University's President Randall Webb aided in the organization of a September 11th memorial service for the students and faculty of Northwestern and the residents of Natchitoches.

"We can't afford to forget, and we can't afford not be vigilant, and we can't afford not to remember what this tragedy has done to the families and friends of the people who were so needlessly murdered," Webb said.

Students and faculty of NSU bowed their heads in silence on the morning of September 11, 2002.

"For the rest of our lives 9-11 will be a date that evokes many emotions," Webb said. He paralleled the attacks on September 11, 2001, to the attacks on Pearl Harbor in 1941.

"None of us now will be alive to see a day when Americans forget the lesson both associated with December 7, 1941, and September 11, 2001," Webb explained. "A powerful nation embodying a powerful idea and spanning six time zones was exposed to dangers from all the other 18 time zones."

City councilman Lee Posey spoke on behalf of Natchitoches mayor Wayne McCullen. Natchitoches Parish sheriff Vic Jones spoke next.

Posey expressed an increase in Americans' appreciation for the military during the past year.

Jones said he had to mentally prepare his department to improve security for the people of Natchitoches.

"Even now one year later the strongest force we have is the power of many; we have each other," Jones concluded.



Members of the Natchitoches Fire Department watch the Sept. 11, 2002, commemoration ceremony. Emergency personnel participated in the program at the University.

NSU's ROTC cadets raise the flag on Sept. 11th. SGA President Stacie Cosby recited the pledge and graduate student Shawn Hornsby played taps.

University President Randall Webb looks on as city councilman Lee Posey speaks about the victims of Sept. 11. The President's office hosted the commemoration ceremony.





University President
Webb speaks to a small crowd of Northwestern students and Natchitoches residents in a commemoration ceremony on Sept. 11, 2002. "For the rest of our lives 9-11 will be a date that evokes many emotions," he said.

MR. & MISS NSU



Laci Stokes of Pioneer has been named 2002 Miss NSU and Quincy Spencer of Crowley was named Mr. NSU. Stokes and Spencer were selected by students at Northwestern State University based on their achievements.

Stokes, a senior hospitality and management major, is a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority. She is vice president of the Student Activities Board and the Order of Omega. Stokes is a member of Purple Jackets, Blue Key and the Hospitality Management and Tourism Association. She was also named Sigma Nu fraternity's 2002 White Rose.

She was named the 2002 Homecoming Honor Court queen as well as Greek Woman of the Year. Stokes was a freshman connector and has served as a Presidential Leadership Program mentor. In 2001 Stokes was a National Association of Campus Activities Conference Silent Auction coordinator.

Spencer is a senior political science major. He is president of the Student Activities Board and has served as president and treasurer of Delta Upsilon International fraternity. Spencer is also a member of the Order of Omega, College Democrats and Blue Key National Honor fraternity. He has also been a freshman connector.

His other honors include being named king of the 2002 Homecoming Honor Court and Greek Man of the Year. He received the Purple Pride Award and served as Greek Council president. Spencer also participated in the President's Leadership Program and was recipient of the Delta Upsilon fraternity McQuaid Scholarship and was a founding father of his chapter. He was also a member of the 2001 Homecoming Honor Court.

Quincy Spencer and Laci Stokes ride in the University's Homecoming parade. They were Mr. and Miss NSU as well as 2002 Homecoming King and Queen.

Two NSU students scan the potential nominees during SGA elections. Students elected Quincy Spencer as Mr. NSU and 2002 Homecoming King. Laci Stokes was named Miss NSU and 2002 Homecoming Queen.

Students wait in line for their chance to vote in the 2002 Mr./Miss NSU and SGA elections. More than 400 students cast their votes.





Mr. and Miss. NSU, Quincy Spencer and Laci Stokes pray with the student body during the Sept. 11th commemoration.

COURAGE

under fire

story by Britton Faucon

Color and controversy compelled students, whether satisfied or annoyed, to news racks to obtain their copies of the Current Sauce each Thursday.

"As mad as they [readers] get or as angry as they become with us, they are going to pick up a paper the next week to see what we have to say," Kaleb Breaux, editor in chief, said.

Letters flooded into the Current Sauce e-mail box each day, either sharing in the humorous side to a serious issue or stating concerns with the nonchalant attitude taken in the editorials. Breaux's editorials on the sniper and Oprah perhaps prompted the most responses.

Regarding the sniper editorial, Breaux recalled some students and faculty commented on the humor of the material. Breaux also recollected that other readers were not as receptive and threatened to sue if a sniper did in fact come on campus.

"We totally geared the paper toward our readers and our campus," Breaux said.

"I like to exercise my freedom of being a college newspaper editor," Breaux said. "I also like to exercise my first amendment rights as an editor."

Managing Editor Rob Morgan tapped forbidden subjects of sex and drugs in his editorials.

"I try to write columns that are so absurd that it forces people to see that there is no possible way that I can be serious," Morgan said. "Hopefully that makes the readers think."

A commenter interpreted Morgan's editorial on the benefits of drunk driving to be insensitive to those who had lost family members as a result of drunk driving.

"My editorials are geared toward my peers, not professors," Morgan said. "I overestimated the intelligence of my readers."

Criticism accompanies controversy. For Breaux and Morgan, criticism is not enough to stop their efforts to spread new perspectives on a well-known issues.

Current Sauce Editor

Kaleb Breaux received criticism for his October editorial "Benefits of having University sniper." Breaux wrote the article during the D.C. sniper episodes and said it was meant to be satirical.

The Current Sauce has in print the string of responses from students denouncing the paper's editorial decision. This letter was printed on October 17, 2002, and demands an apology from Breaux.

Kaleb Breaux

broadcasts on the

"TalkBack Natchitoches" program.

Breaux was asked to defend himself on the air after the backlash from his satirical editorial.

UNCOMMON GROUND

A Tale of Two Stories

This week I decided to write on an important topic. The first is related to an event

to realize that this office is nothing but a name. However, I found out it isn't even lack of trying

WORDS OF WISDOM-TIPS NOS. 7 & 8

Tip #7: Thinking is cool

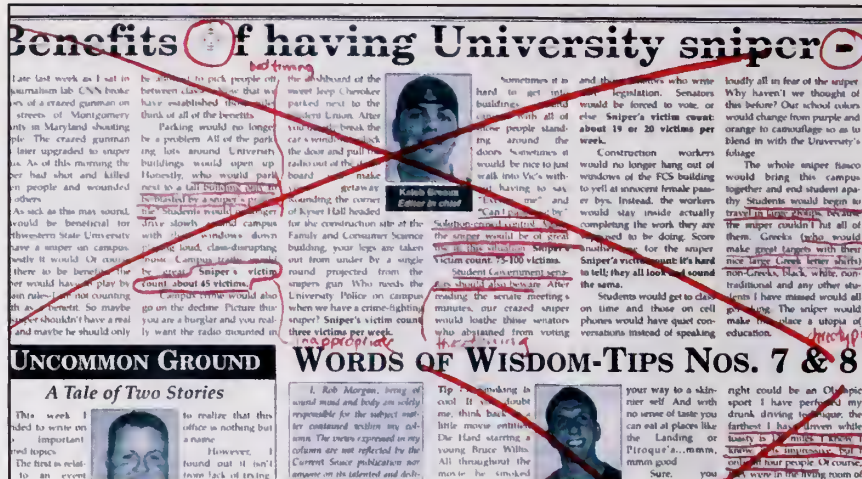
I, Rob Morgan, living in a world of mind and body, am solely responsible for the subject matter contained within my columns. The views expressed in my columns are not reflected by the Current Sauce publication nor anyone on its editorial and staff.

Tip #8: Drinking is cool

your way to a skin-ner self. And with no sense of taste you can eat at places like the Landing, or Piroquet's...mmm, mmm good. Sure, you

right could be an Olympic

sport. I have perfected my drunk driving technique, the farthest I have driven while drunk is to miss a turn. I have also been in a car accident. Of course, you



Students request apology for editor's sniper article

We are writing in response to the editorial that was recently published entitled: "Benefits of having University Sniper."

First and foremost we are outraged by this tasteless and disgusting use of ill humor.

For the past few weeks tragic and horrific events have happened in and around the Maryland area. People have lost their lives for no reason and should not be made fun of.

These events should not be taken lightly for it can very well happen anywhere. The thought of making NSU a better place with a sniper is repulsive, disturbing, and down right scary. To use spe-

cific targets and body counts are inappropriate for any publication.

The fact remains that if there was to be a copy-cat University Sniper, The Current Sauce Editor in Chief, Kaleb Breaux, should be held directly responsible for putting these evil thoughts into the minds of readers.

We are requesting a published apology to The Current Sauce readers who may have been offended by this atrocious article.

Arielle Kelly and LaSonna Frierson





Current Sauce editor
Kaleb Breaux defends
his editorial "Benefits of
Having a University
Sniper" on 1450 AM.
The show's host
requested that Breaux
defend himself after
listeners denounced his
writing weeks before.

the GOOD the BAD and the UGLY

story by Josh Green

After months of opposition and other obstacles, the University's literary magazine took the right steps toward publication.

The University media board met in October and recommended that Sophomore journalism major Glenn Ward be named editor of *Argus*, after months of opposition from many senators in the Student Government Association. Two weeks before the board made a recommendation for editor, some senators heard word of a petition to stop publication of the *Argus* completely.

In 2001, the *Argus* came close to missing publication. The magazine was submitted to the publisher and the staff barely made the submission date.

In an interview with NSU 22, Senator Dustin Floyd expressed concerns about the content in the magazine and its former management. "It's garbage. It's literary garbage," he said.

Floyd said he felt student dollars could be spent more efficiently in other areas.

"The common student doesn't read the *Argus*," he said.

Some other senators agreed. Some members of the student body signed a petition that was aimed to cancel the publication completely.

When the media board made its recommendation, however, the SGA unanimously approved Ward to the position.

"I think Glenn is the man for the job and has the potential to produce a good product," Floyd said after Ward's approval.

Ward said he will take a different approach to the production of the *Argus*. Immediately after obtaining the position, Ward made student-to-student contact in the halls of the University.

"I hope we'll have a good publication this year," he said. "My staff and I have new, fresh ideas to make that happen."

Many senators in the SGA said the quality of the *Argus* magazine was decreasing, especially comparing the 2001 and 2002 publications. Some senators wanted to pull the publication completely.

Argus fliers for 2003 promote the publication. Ward distributed the fliers to increase the amount of submitted material to the magazine.

Many students compared the page layouts of the 2001 *Argus* (top) to the most recent publication in 2002 (bottom). A petition showed that many were unhappy with the 2002 publication.



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student literary magazine

2002-2003

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- Fiction
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GOOD DESIGN

BAD DESIGN



Argus Editor Glenn Ward reviews material submitted to his office. In 2002, the SGA was unsure about the future of the literary magazine.

satisfying the MTV generation

story by Josh Green

For the first time in the 20-year history of MTV, Natchitoches cable subscribers could see the network in 2002.

According to Nielsen Media, MTV had been the most popular network for 18-30 year-olds since the mid-90s. Since the network hit the airwaves in 1981, however, the Natchitoches cable system had never brought the signal into homes.

"I suppose it was because had been a locally-owned and more conservative cable company in the Natchitoches region," said a Cox Communications representative from Atlanta.

Cox Communications bought the Natchitoches franchise in 2001, bringing new technology and a broader channel range to its viewers. For the first time ever, residents could subscribe to MTV, the new Oxygen network for women, and many different genre channels.

In addition, Cox gave the option to upgrade to cable Internet connections, which ultimately provides a much faster Internet connection to online users.

"I think it's great to see MTV finally in Natchitoches," said senior Katherine Staid.

Staid said she felt deprived her previous three years at the University because of the absence of the network.

"I would have to go home on the weekends to catch up on my favorite shows like the Real World," she said.

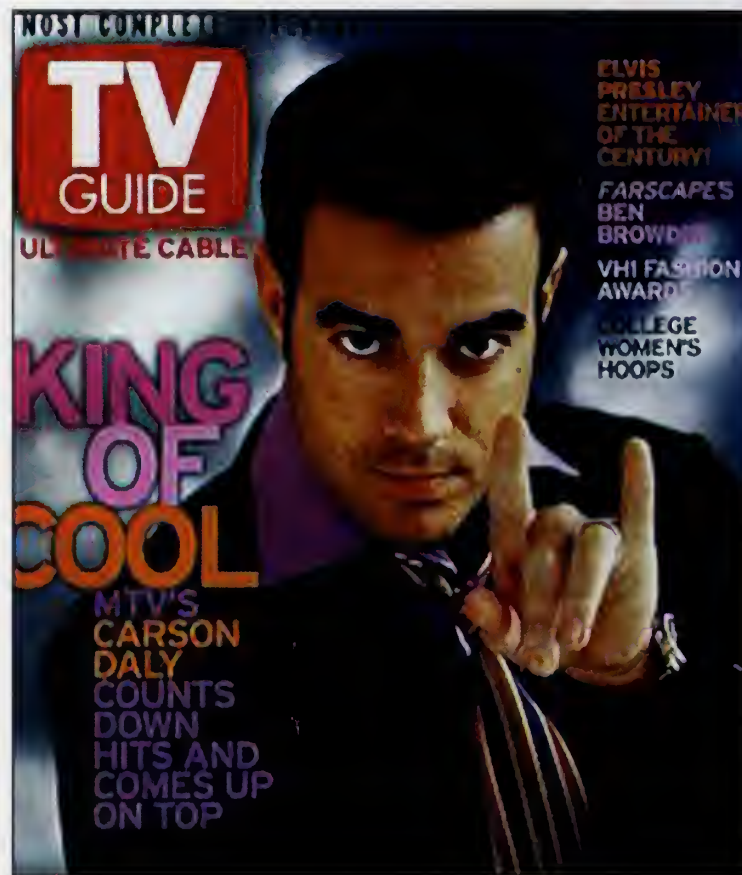
Staid, along with many other Northwestern students, was drawn to the channel after the regional taping of the Real World New Orleans. The reality show was one of MTV's highly-watched shows when it featured the Big Easy in the summer of 2000.

"I think it's only right that students get to see one of the best channels of our generation," Staid said.

Music videos are a major part of a college student's life. MTV was offered to Natchitoches cable subscribers for the first time in 2002.

MTV VJ Carson Daly is featured on the cover of TV Guide. Until 2002, MTV was missing from the TV Guide of Natchitoches residents.

Several NSU students watch a cartoon on MTV. Many claimed to be "music television junkies" once Cox Communications first started offering the channel to Natchitoches resident in August of 2002.





An NSU student watches MTV. The network was offered to students in 2002, more than 20 years after it went on air. MTV had been the number one network for college-age people since 1995.

THE TYPICAL DORM ROOM 2002

- A** **InkJet printer**
Ideal for printing out book reports.
- B** **Digital clock with alarm**
Perfect for getting to class on time.
- C** **DVD player**
Between classes you can watch "Lord of the Rings."
- D** **Television**
Watch MTV, the newest channel on campus.
- E** **The old-school VCR**
Your copy of "Billy Madison" is still on VHS.
- F** **Mini refrigerator with flair**
Great for a midnight snack (flair sold separately).
- G** **Domino's Pizza delivery coupons**
Perfect for any dorm room. Great gift idea!
- H** **Desktop computer**
A key component in the college dorm room.

A

H



THE TYPICAL BACK PACK 2002

A

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Hope you enjoy it because you may not be able to sell it back.

B

Current Sauce

Perfect for keeping up with current events on campus.

C

Daily planner

Ideal for keeping track of your 21 hours.

D

Course Catalog

For scheduling classes early for next semester.

E

#2 Pencil

An important tool when taking scantron tests.

F

ZIP Disk: 100 MB

Great for saving your projects.

G

Flowery flair

Made popular in the movie "Office Space."
Flair is great for expressing yourself.

A

C





B

D

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new BLOOD for the DEMON

KNWD makes midyear manager change

story by Garrett Guilotte

The manager of Northwestern's radio station resigned after the fall 2002 semester because of pregnancy.

Senior public relations major Julie Pitts resigned from her post effective in December with a due date for birth set in February 2003.

"It's my first child and I don't know exactly what it's all going to entail," she said.

University policy allows a six-week maternity leave, but Pitts was unsure if she would be "emotionally ready to be back in there."

In December, the media board appointed senior broadcast journalism major Warner Tureaud to take the reins at KNWD. Tureaud was Pitts' urban music director.

"My main priority at this point is working towards positive success right now," he said. "We'll get that by gaining listeners."

Tureaud said though urban music brings some positive lyrics, its artists sometimes lack a positive image.

"I don't think that the youth of America should be looking up to something that's really not the truth."

Pitts was general manager during the summer and fall semesters. She made many improvements to KNWD, including the change to an all-digital format. In June, the station received the equipment to provide a crisp sound to NSU students.

"It took plenty of research and hard work getting it here online," said operations technician Roy Davis. "Now that it's here, it was worth all the work."

The new transmitter replaced the station's old transmitter, which was more than 30 years old.

Julie Pitts becomes the first female general manager for KNWD since the mid '90s. She resigned as general manager of KNWD because she was expecting a child in February.



The Name Game

On November 8, 1922, by proclamation of President V. L. Roy and Coach H. Lee Prather, all NSU athletic teams became known as the Demons. The name was decided upon by a contest open to all students with a grand prize of \$10. A committee was appointed by the President to narrow down the names submitted by the student body. The final selection was decided by a vote of the students. The two most popular choices were Braves and Demons. Among other names submitted by students were Sharks, Daredevils, Musketeers, Pelicans, Prather's, Ground Hogs, Bloodhounds, Cyclops and Serpents.

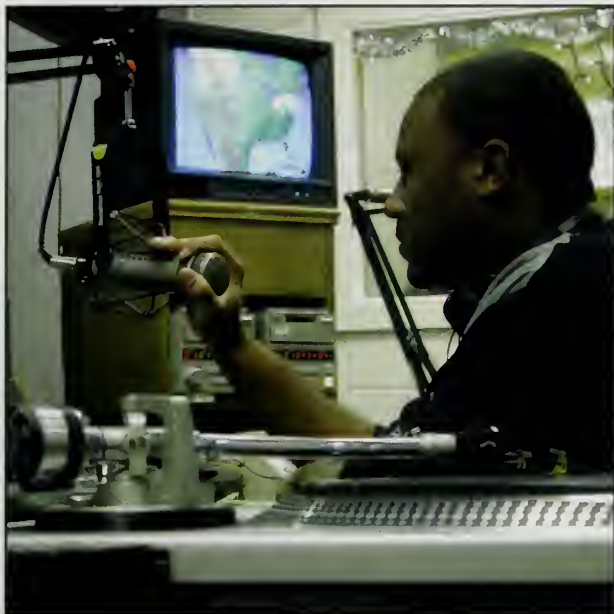
The Demon received his official name on September 22, 1984, by means of a contest sponsored by the Athletic Department. The contest was open to faculty, staff and students. Over 300 entries were submitted to the committee. The grand prize was an all expense paid weekend at the Louisiana State Fair Classic. Ray Carney, an alumnus of the University, was the official winner with "Vic" which is short for "Victory."



Broadcast journalism major Warner Turcand hosts a show on KNWD. Turcand was named manager of the University's radio station for the spring semester.



NSU senior Wes Breeden gives the weather forecast. NSU's weather station became fully operational in fall 2002.



WEATHERING the STORM

NSU gets Radar Capabilities

story by Josh Green

2002 HURRICANE SEASON

*affected Louisiana

Arthur (July 14-16)
Bertha, (August 4-5, 7-9)
Cristobal (August 5-8)
Dolly (August 29-September 4)
Edouard (September 1-6)
Fay (September 5-7)
Gustav (September 8-12)
Hanna (September 11-14)
* Isidore (September 14-26)
Josephine (September 17-19)
Kyle (September 20-October 12)
* Lili (September 21-October 4)

KNWD manager
Warner Tureaud gives the weather forecast on the University's radio station. KNWD now shares NSU's radar capabilities with NSU 22.

NSU 22 Anchor Josh
Green prepares maps for NSU 22's weather segment. KTBS-TV in Shreveport donated the state-of-the-art set during the fall semester 2002.

Natehitoches residents no longer will have to tune in to other regional media to get a weather forecast. In 2002 Northwestern State gained its own radar capabilities.

The new weather station is housed at the University television station and relayed to other various places throughout Kyser Hall.

"Now we can give our students practice with commercial weather equipment by providing a great service to the Northwestern and Natehitoches community," said David Antilley, Director of NSU22.

The service is provided by Meteorologix and costs approximately \$500 per month. Antilley said this gives the students who work at the University television station the feel of a commercial newschannel.

"We just got a brand new state-of-the-art set in 2001 and this new weather technology makes NSU22 one of the top college stations in the state," Antilley said.

Accompanying the radar technology is a fully operational weather station, donated by KTBS-TV in Shreveport.

"Our weather anchors get the chance to sit down, create their weather maps and produce their own weather segment now," Antilley said.

Freshman journalism major Geof Taylor said that is exactly why he chose Northwestern. He is the weather forecaster on NSU22 Thursday.

"I looked at other schools in the state and Northwestern's hands-on approach was the seller for me," he said.

The new weather radar is also available to announcers working at the University's radio station, KNWD.

"We decided to run it to KNWD to give their listening audience the latest weather updates as well as giving those students forecasting experience," Antilley said.



staying SAFE

Students Respond to Serial Killings in State

story by Josh Green

Scholars College senior Autumn Campbell knows how devastating a loss can be. Her best friend from junior high school was murdered on New Year's Eve 2001. The highly publicized rape-murder of Meagan Barroso in California is more than a crime in the history books for Autumn. It has created a new life for her.

"My mom is constantly sending newspaper clippings on safety," she said. "I'm constantly looking under my car before I get into it."

Autumn is among the large group of college women who make safety a number one priority, especially with word that a serial killer lingers so close to home. By the end of 2002, an unidentified suspect driving a white truck had killed more than five women between the Baton Rouge and Lafayette metro areas.

"I'm from Breaux Bridge and it hits close to home," Autumn said. "My mom has now forbade me from going to LSU in Baton Rouge because of what has happened."

State officials attempted to find the serial killer. Hundreds of males driving white trucks submitted DNA samples so crime investigators could rule out suspects.

To add fuel to the fire: there was a national epidemic of kidnappings and the highly publicized sniper shootings of 2002. Autumn said these events cause residents of Natchitoches, even as remote as the city is located, to look out for their safety.

"I think there are things that could be done around campus to make it a little safer," she said. "We definitely need more lighting."

The University took steps to improving safety on NSU's campus during the fall of 2002. One of the biggest changes: cutting all bushes that grew near Russell Hall.

Resident Assistant
Erica Caillonet (right) shows the fastest route to the track for hall residents Rachel Murry (left) and Crystal Bryant (center). Safety was a concern and RAs were advised to inform their residents to take precautions.



The Worst Serial Killers in Recent History

1. Robert Yates
2. Cary Stayner
3. Aileen Wuornos
4. Andrew Cunanan
5. Paul Bernardo & Karla Homolka
6. Ted Bundy
7. Charles Manson
8. The Zodiac Killer
9. David Berkowitz
10. Kenneth Bianchi &
11. Angelo Buono
12. Unabomber
13. Jeffrey Dahmer
14. The Boston Strangler
15. Albert Fish
16. Eddie Gein
17. Charlie Starkweather & Caril Fugate
18. Jack the Ripper
19. Edmund Kemper III
20. Baton Rouge serial killer



A pile of wood chips is the only remnant of a group of trees lining the sidewalk to Russell Hall. The 'dark spot' was considered unsafe by University officials. The trees were chopped down for safety reasons in November.

send in the

CLONES

story by Josh Green

The dream of having your clone carry your books to class was science fiction ten years ago, but in 2002, a team of Italian researchers made cloning a reality.

In December the company Clonaid claimed it had produced a healthy baby named Eve using DNA taken from the skin cells of her 31-year old American mother.

The group called the Raelians believes cloning is 'the key to eternal life, a chance to live forever' and is one of the main supporters of the push to make cloning an everyday occurrence.

Tyler Priest, who started the group called "Students for Christ" in 2002, believes the announcement of a human clone is a step in the wrong direction.

"I believe that only God can create a human body; scientists in a laboratory should not be playing God," he said.

The Raelian group that claims responsibility for Eve said extraterrestrials created life on earth through genetic engineering. The leader of the group, Rael, said the extraterrestrial race is given a name in the Bible, Elohim, a word he said has been mistranslated as the word "God."

Priest said the Raelians are just one of the many new religious sects whose beliefs are far-fetched.

After the announcement, lawmakers in Washington renewed their efforts to ban human cloning. The senate failed to pass a bill early in 2002, but failed because the language was broad and the legislation would have banned the import of stem cells and protein. After Clonaid announced its cloning activities, lawmakers authored another bill early in 2003. The language explicitly bans a cloned embryo but does not mention the products of a cloned embryo.

In 1997, Dr. Ian Wilmut introduced the world's first cloned mammal, a sheep named Dolly. Dolly was created entirely from cells taken from a full-grown adult sheep at the Roslin Institute in Scotland. Since Dolly's debut, scientists have cloned mice, pigs, calves and monkeys using new technologies.

In response to public concern, President Clinton banned the use of federal money for projects related to human cloning. Several federal bills prohibiting human cloning have been drafted, but Congress has rejected every one. A few states have stepped into this legal void and passed laws banning human cloning, at least temporarily.

Advocates of human cloning include infertile couples, parents who have lost a child and researchers hoping to better understand the nature of genetic diseases. Some scientists only support animal cloning, which they say could give them exact replicas from which to study a specific disease process.

Public surveys have found that while there is greater tolerance for cloning animals, most people are opposed to cloning humans for moral, cultural and religious reasons. Common arguments are that human cloning could lead to eugenic practices, and a clone would suffer psychological damage by being deprived of an individual identity.

CLONING AROUND

5000 B.C.

Early humans discover that if they plant seeds produced by the heartiest plants, the next crop will be strong. This is the first step in manipulating life to suit human needs, the ultimate goal of cloning.

1952

A tiny tadpole makes history as the first cloned animal. Robert Briggs and Thomas King use cells from a tadpole embryo to create tadpoles identical to each other.

1972

Cloning steps down to the minute level with the first cloning of a gene. Scientists isolate the gene, then bind it to an organism that incorporates the gene into its own DNA and multiplies, producing many copies of the desired gene.

1978

...the world's first test-tube baby. The world gets a glimpse of Baby Louise, the first child conceived through in-vitro fertilization.

1997

Hello, Dolly. Dolly the sheep, the world's first mammal cloned from a cell of an adult animal was born in 1996, but her existence was not revealed to the world until February 1997.

1998

Scientists at the University of Hawaii clone more than 50 mice from adult cells, creating three generations of identical laboratory animals.

2000

Oregon researchers reveal the existence of Tetra the cloned monkey. Additionally, the company that helped produce Dolly unveiled a litter of five cloned piglets. The company says herds of cloned pigs could one day provide a genetically engineered source of organ transplants for humans.

2002

Texas A&M researchers announce that they have cloned a domestic cat. The female, named "cc" for "CopyCat," is a twin of her genetic "mother," but her fur has a different pattern because of developmental factors.



With human cloning
Winter Black could
watch TV, sleep and surf
the Internet all at the
same time.





Contractors work outside of the Family and Consumer Sciences building in November. The building along with Morrison hall remain vacant through 2003. A complete renovation of the two buildings will be finished by fall 2003.



Sophomore interior
design major Kerry
Elanagan knows just
how to decorate her
dorm room. She said it is
best if students put a
touch of their own work
in the rooms.



A typical dorm room consists of student photo collages, lava lamps, and other touches of its students' personality.



This apartment belongs to an advertising design major and contrasts the difference between his artistic and humorous sides.

a HOME away from HOME

story by Josh Green

Creating new looks on a \$1000 budget is the premises for the hit TLC show *Trading Spaces*. Two neighbors trade houses for two days and are paired with an interior designer within their budget. Fun and glamorous for the show, right? But for college students, there is usually no \$1000 budget, no interior designer and no time for decorating.

It's on that first day of the semester when a 30 by 30 dorm room with stark white walls greet NSU students. It was in the dark first moment of a blank stare into a blank wall when Varnado resident Mandy Gipson found hope.

"It was awesome to hear my roommate was an interior design major," she said.

Mandy, a sophomore majoring in hospitality, management and tourism would spend the 2003 spring semester living with sophomore Kerry Elanagan.

Kerry took the forefront in decorating the room, just like the designers on *Trading Spaces*. The room has personal touches from both of the girls.

"I think the key to feeling comfortable is making your own art — things that express who you are," said Kerry.

And making her own art is exactly what Kerry did. Mardi Gras masks hang above her bed, ivy leaves with flowers fill the room with greenery, and multiple collages showcase Kerry and Mandy's best memories from their pasts. Another big feature of many women's rooms is animal print.

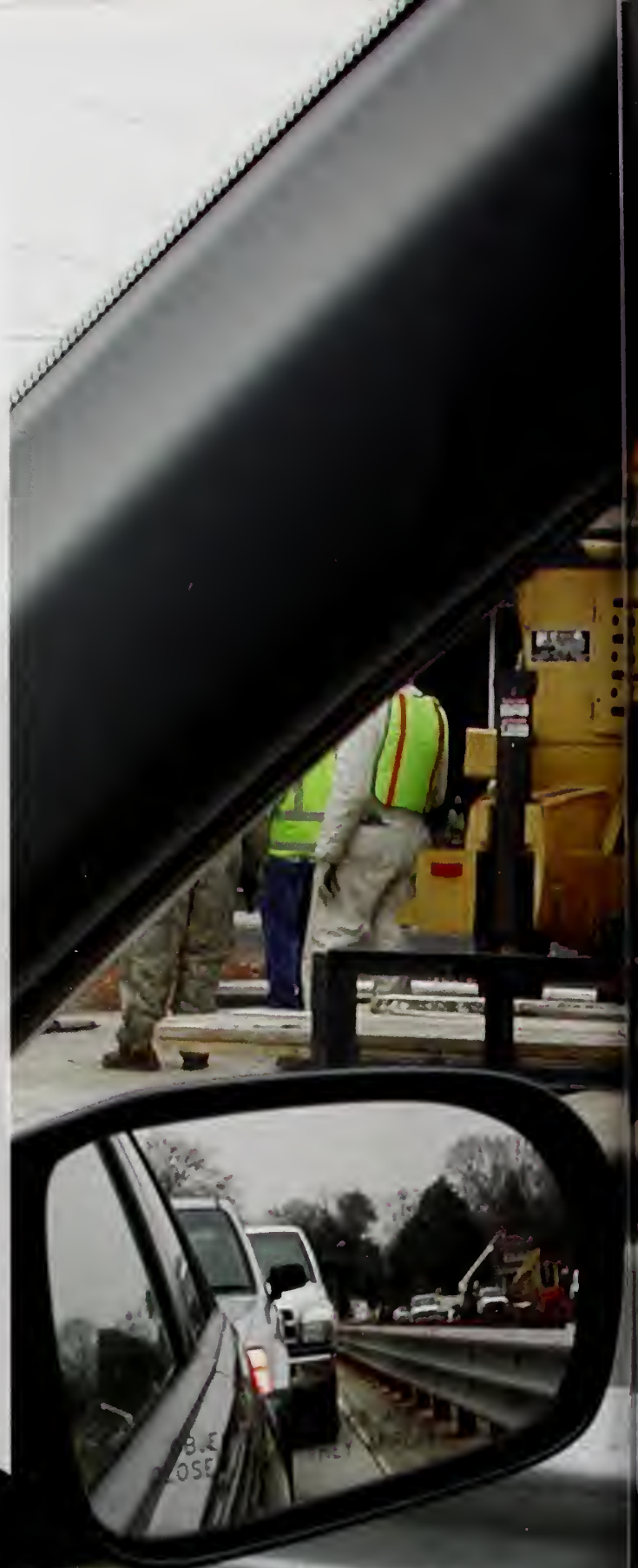
Kerry's bed was zebra-skinned and Mandy's leopard with a matching rug lying on the floor.

"More and more you're seeing animal print in people's rooms," Kerry said. "It's in right now."

The city of Natchitoches sees a new bridge built during the fall semester of 2002. Construction crews built a temporary bridge then started on a three lane bridge that will serve traffic coming off of Kyser Avenue.

Northwestern students found a new hobby while sitting in bridge traffic. Looking at people in the car next to them to occupy time was about the only thing to do to get through the delays.

The expected time of completion on the new bridge is mid-February 2003.







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Sharing 0 files

FREE Games

Various downloading programs shot to success after Napster made downloading popular. LimeWire is one of the downloading services students use.



has downloading killed the **RADIO STAR?**

Top Downloads of 2002

1. Nelly Ft. Kelly - Dilemma
2. Jennifer Lopez - Jenny From the Block
3. Las Ketchup - The Ketchup Song
4. T.a.T.U - All the Things She Said
5. Justin Timberlake - Like I Love You
6. Craig David - What's Your Flava?
7. Shaggy - Hey Sexy Lady
8. Eminem - Lose Yourself
9. Robbie Williams - Feel
10. U2 - Electrical Storm
11. Westlife - Unbreakable
12. Avril Lavigne - Complicated
13. Eve - Gangsta Lovin'
14. Eminem - Cleanin' Out My Closet
15. Bon Jovi - Everyday
16. Nick Carter - Help Me
17. Blue F Ft. Elton - Sorry Seems to Be the Hardest Word
18. Atomic Kitten - The Tide Is High
19. Sugababes - Stronger
20. Coldplay - In My Place

Steven Dervka uses the download program Kazaa to get his music. Dervka, a resident of Boozman dorm, says he downloads music because it is cheaper and offers CDs to fit his taste.

The next generation of digital downloading software hit college computers in 2002. The post-Napster sites were an instant success, allowing millions of Internet users unprecedented access to virtually any song, movie and software on the market.

After the Napster lawsuit, dozens of new sites were created, but this time with direct peer-to-peer file sharing. The sites have attracted millions and an estimated 3.5 million people are swapping data on the popular site, Kazaa, at any time.

The Recording Industry Association of America launched a powerful campaign to protect copyright laws and shut down the free MP3 swapping sites. Metallica stands as one of the most outspoken bands against the free exchanges claiming users are stealing their intellectual property and taking away from their profits.

Many college students feel it is essential for a potential music buyer to hear an album before buying it.

"I hate it when I hear a song on the radio and buy the CD, but when I get home and listen to the rest of it, it's terrible," says sophomore Mark Holt, "I think it's good that I can preview an album before I spend money on it."

Besides previewing new albums, users can compile personal playlists of songs they like and even songs that are no longer available for sale. The sites also give publicity to small bands and expose users to music from around the world.

"I like being able to download a list of songs that I like and make this one compilation CD of only songs that I like," said senior Mike Vizier.



A case of burned CDs are seen in a student's collection of his school items. The number of burning programs have skyrocketing over the past couple years.



Senior math and electrical engineering major Christian N.S. Odom works in the math lab of Kyser Hall. Tate was published nationally by a military journal in October 2002.



as easy as 1, 2, 3 well...not really

story by Josh Green

Cryptology is a national magazine published by Westpoint. University senior Christian Odom's work appeared in the magazine in October 2002.

University student Christian Odom's and professor Ed Bauer's study can be found in the October 2002 of *Cryptology* magazine.

Most college students never get the opportunity to see their homework published in a national journal. In 2002, senior math and electrical engineering major Christian Odom would see his name in print on the national level.

Odom was a recipient of the JOVE scholarship, a project coordinated between Northwestern and NASA. The scholarship recipients are given a grant to work with a University professor and create a semester project. Odom was teamed with math professor Craig Bauer.

"What we did is use famous authors like Dickens and Poe, took their literary text and looked at the occurrence of

alphabetical letters to use them as a statistical database," Odom said.

Odom and Bauer were eventually able to identify authors just by looking at the way letters were used in the text.

"Theoretically, we could eventually take one or two works by an author like Emily Dickenson, study the occurrence of letters, and just by decoding the system of lettering, spit out an entire new novel by that same author," he said.

Why is this useful? Odom said although there are no modern-day applications for this methodology, it is of particular interest to the military.

"This is a new way to manipulate an old system of cryptology used in historical wars," he said. "Though it's somewhat outdated, the government always likes to find new ways to improve what it's already done."

In layman's terms, Odom and Bauer taught an old dog the same old trick...just with a few more "sits," "barks," and "roll overs."

Their research caught the interest of editors at the *Cryptologia* publication at West Point. The article, entitled "A Statistical Attack on the Running Key Cipher," was published in the October 2002 edition of the magazine.

"A lot of students find math boring," Odom said. "I see it more as a mold of clay: a problem you face that you must manipulate until you eventually find what you want."

A STATISTICAL ATTACK ON THE RUNNING KEY CIPHER

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ABSTRACT: The frequencies of n -graphs, groups of n letters, for n as large as 6 are compiled and used to launch a statistical attack on a running key cipher. Programs written in C++ make the calculations possible. The results of the attack for various values of n are analyzed.

KEYWORDS: Running key cipher, William F. Friedman, n -graphs,

INTRODUCTION

The running key cipher uses the characters in a book as a long non-repeating key. For example, suppose we wish to encipher the message BEGIN THE ATTACK AT DAWN using *A Tale of Two Cities*[3] as our key. Ignoring spaces, the message is twenty characters long, so we only need to use the first twenty characters of *A Tale of Two Cities* and the key is given by IT WAS THE BEST OF TIMES I. In order to add the letters of the message and key together, we first convert them to numbers using A=0, B=1, ..., Z=25. With these assignments, B+I becomes $1+8=9=J$ and E+T becomes $4+19=23=X$. The next pair, G+W, sums to 28, so we perform the arithmetic mod 26 and get $2=C$. Continuing as above, the complete ciphertext is JXCIF MOIBX KTQPT BPEOV. Variations of this cipher exist, but we shall be content to examine this simplest case.

A statistical attack is made possible by the fact that the key letters are not random. If they were, the cipher would be an unbreakable one-time pad. Since the key consists of normal text, the frequencies of individual letters and combinations of letters may be exploited to gain a partial decipherment. The manner in which this can be done is detailed in the following section.

a CRESCENDO of success

Many students going to college are leaving home for the first time. The unfamiliar culture, city and people can be intimidating, leaving them to seek a family away from home. For students who choose Northwestern, there is someone who makes the transition a little smoother.

Band director Bill Brent came to Northwestern in 1983 to take over the 48-member marching band.

"When I first got here I found this wonderful facility and no students. I thought, 'I can get something built here in two or three years, get a reputation going, and then I can go someplace.' Well, by the end of three years, I was someplace," said Brent.

And what a place he has built! The small marching band has grown to an impressive 300-member group.

"If you went into the city of Natchitoches and randomly asked 10 or 15 people, 'What is it that's most important to you about Northwestern,' half or more would say the Spirit of Northwestern marching band," said NSU President Dr. Randall Webb.

President Webb named Brent the recipient of the 2002 President's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to the University. This honor has been presented annually since 1997 to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding and dedicated service to the University, the NSU Alumni Association and the NSU Foundation.

Brent's achievements extend far beyond building a larger marching band. He takes pride in creating a family atmosphere among band members, taking new students under his wing. He encourages students to "reach out and welcome new students into the band family."

Under his leadership the Department of Creative and Performing Arts became the School of Creative and Performing Arts. Brent is currently serving as the School's director, overseeing Northwestern's art, music and theatre.



"The Spirit of Northwestern" marching band is one of the largest in the nation. Many credit director Bill Brent for the success of the University's music department.



Bill Brent is credited with many successes at NSU. In 2002, the marching band's website was named one of the best in the nation.





Bill Brent directs the University's marching band during a halftime show. Brent was recipient of the 2002 President's Award for his success at the University.

enrollment tops 10,000

story by Darla Williford

Northwestern's population reached an all-time high in fall 2002.

For the first time in the University's history, more than 10,000 students registered for classes.

In fall 2002, NSU had a recorded enrollment of 10,159, an increase of 7.9 percent from the fall 2001 total of 9,415. This was the largest increase in enrollment in ten years.

"Achieving an enrollment of more than 10,000 students is a milestone for Northwestern State University," said President Randall Webb. "Over the past few years, we have placed a high priority on taking care of our students and ensuring that they receive the best possible education. The steady increase is validation of those efforts."

The number of first-time freshmen increased 7 percent. This growing number combined with a total of 2,751 students taking classes by the Internet, compressed video or desktop video. Webb said programs like these, combined with a continuing improvement in the University's technology, are another reason for an increase in population.

Northwestern increased enrollment on its main campus in Natchitoches as well as the Leesville/Fort Polk campus. The student population remained steady at its Shreveport campus, which houses the College of Nursing. The University also had more students taking classes electronically and in its graduate school.

The University increased the number of first-time freshmen by 6.7 percent from 1,641 to 1,751.

For the first time, students could pay all outstanding accounts with the University via the Internet.

"This is an added service for our students," said Vice President for Business Affairs Carl Jones. "Students can make payments with great convenience from wherever they may be. The service will be very useful for students who take classes at off-campus sites or had to make a special trip to pay their accounts."



An increase in student enrollment is evident at 2002 home games.

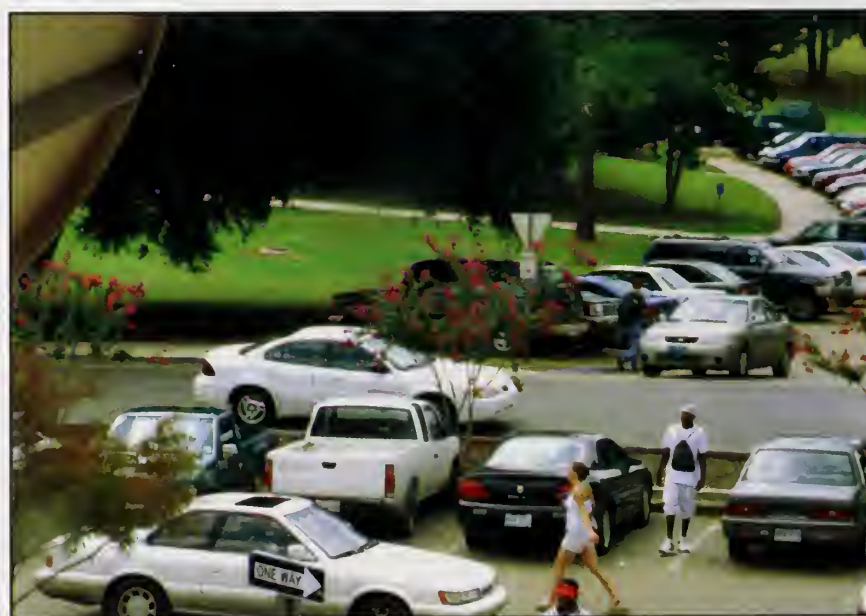
Hundreds of students crowd Turpin Stadium in greater numbers than previous years.



The area in front of Keyser Hall is crowded with students before class.

A record number of students enrolled for class in fall 2002.

Increased parking problems irk NSU students as the University reaches an all-time enrollment high, while the number of parking lots remains the same.





Rows of cars line the parking lot next to Kyser Hall as car owners crowd into classes. Northwestern's enrollment reached more than 10,000 in 2002.

working with the ELITE

story by Rob Morgan

Duties as a student go beyond those in the classroom. Some departments require students to get practical experience before earning a degree.

Three NSU journalism students took advantage of this opportunity in 2002 and obtained internships in highly competitive job fields.

Jennifer Gray Dauenhauer and Mindy Mixon worked with major broadcasting programs, and Nadra Harrison interned with one of the nation's most respected political consulting firms.

Dauenhauer worked side-by-side with the stars of Good Morning America as an intern with the show's field and services unit in New York. She produced, planned and prepared the show under the guidance and leadership of some of the field's most respected professionals.

"It's my philosophy that the University requires you to do an internship and you can basically go anywhere you want – why not go to the best place possible and learn from the best in the business?" Dauenhauer said.

She assisted with interviews with actors Denzel Washington and Sandra Bullock while working with the show's hosts, Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson.

Mixon caught the attention of management at KEYE-TV in Austin, Texas. Without meeting her in person, the CBS affiliate offered her an intern position.

"It was a really great feeling to have them offer me the job on the phone," said Mixon.

Mixon gained much of the experience locally, while Dauenhauer's experience was at the network level.

Harrison's internship allowed her to work directly with clients of Strother/Duffy/Strother, political consultants in Washington, DC.

Harrison compiled more than 10,000 hours of commercials and worked directly with some of the firm's clients, including Louisiana U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu.

"If I were not at Northwestern, I really question where I would be now," she said.



Intern Jennifer
Dauenhauer poses with
news celebrity Diane
Sawyer. Dauenhauer
was able to meet many
celebrities during her
stay in New York.



Good Morning
America host Charles
Gibson takes a moment
before going on air to
pose with NSU's
Jennifer Dauenhauer.

Dauenhauer poses
with GMA weatherman
Tony Perkins.
Dauenhauer plans to go
into TV meteorology
upon completing her
internship.





Jennifer Dauenhauer is one of many interns to complete competitive internships. At ABC, she had a broad range of responsibilities, including production assistance.

different STROKES

IM Users Change the English Language

story by Josh Green

Internet users are changing the English language. More than six billion instant messages were sent daily in 2002. Sixty percent of those IM users were 25 years old or younger.

In an era where speed equals productivity, Internet users took shortcuts in wording. "Later" became "l8r," and verbs like "to be" become "2b."

"In strange ways it's impacting the language," said English Professor Lisa Abney.

"It's just easier to have more conversations when you don't have to type everything out like you're working on an English paper," said freshman Jason Covey.

But that's exactly what English teachers do not want to see in formal situations.

Abney said there are positives and negatives to this change in the English language.

"We may lose some of the verb and noun forms of the words we have now, but it just shows an evolution in our dialect," she said.

She pointed out that the modern day dialect is nothing like that of the Shakespearian era. In the 17th century, "until morrow..." was acceptable. Now, "ttyl" (talk to you later) is something the human brain can process because society is used to it.

Abney said she makes students know there is a time and place for different language.

"I remind my students we all have our 'at home' dialect and our 'go out and get a job dialect'," she said. "It's fine to write your friends with abbreviated or misspelled words but in formal essays, I want a formal tone."

Abney says eventually the shorter spelling might become acceptable on a wider basis because of the amount of traffic on the Internet. More and more companies are communicating via electronic mail.

"The Internet has definitely changed the way we do business," Abney said. "Now, it's changing our language, too."

The English language is constantly changing. More Internet users are using shortcuts as new dialect.

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0;-) Angel winking - male	@:-} Just Back From
d:-) Baseball	Hairdresser
:-) Basic	:-x Kid smiley
:) Basic Little Kid	:-* Kiss
~-(Bawling	(-: Left Hand
: = Beaver	>:-> Lewd Remark
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(:-) Big Face	-(Lost Contact Lenses
:-)8<Big Girl	X-(Mad
((H))) Big Hug	&-I Makes Me Cry
:-X Big Wet Kiss	:-(*) Makes Me Sick
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(:-D Blabber Mouth	:-) :- Man
?-(Black Eye	@@@@:-) Marge Simpson
:-} X Bow Tie-Wearing	8(:-) Mickey Mouse
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:-(=) Bucktoothed	:-{ Mustache
:-E Bucktoothed Vampire	:-3 Mustache (Handlebar Type)
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Junior Hospitality
Management and Tourism
major Richard Lynch
types instant messages
on his computer. More
than six billion instant
messages were sent daily
this year.



The spirit of Northwestern marching band is the largest in the south. The music department is housed in the CFA wing, which received a new name in fall 2002.



what's in a NAME

The Department of Creative and Performing Arts received a new name last year.

In March, the Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors approved the name "Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts."

"The designation is a recognition of the growth of the program and separates us from other fine arts programs," Bill Brent, director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts, said.

Enrollment in Creative and Performing Arts has grown by more than 230 percent in the last ten years to more than 400 students. Some of those students have been chosen for honorable artistic accomplishments.

"The quality of our students and what they have accomplished was a major factor in obtaining this designation," Brent said about the program's new name.

Student music ensembles have been selected to perform in Carnegie Hall and at the College Band Directors National Association.

Theater students have been chosen through competitive auditions to work in 18 professional theatre companies in 16 states.

Visual art students have been commissioned by major corporations to design artwork.

"We have been successful in attracting students from throughout Louisiana and from across the country," Brent said.

Brent said the 2002 Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band had students from 11 states, and other NSU creative and performing arts programs also attracted a number of out-of-state students.

Faculty members in the creative and performing arts school have brought regional, national and international attention to the University. Some faculty have performed, exhibited work and lectured throughout the United States and other countries. Internationally, faculty have worked in Europe, Latin America and South America.

The creative and performing arts instructors work side by side with students, and they regularly perform at concerts and recitals or conduct student groups.



Members of the cast *Mary Sunshine* practice for the play. Students in the new Mrs. H.D. Dear Sr. and Alice Estelle Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts performed the play during summer 2002.

Camille Suggs and Joe Naples play characters in one of their theater classes.

Jack Wann, head of the theater department, welcomes all of the theater department's students at the beginning of the fall 2002 semester. NSU's Creative and Performing Art has been designated an area of excellence.



a hard HABIT to break

Tests, term papers, work, rush, IM practice, work out time...how do college students fit it all into 24 hours?

"The problem is, most college students are going 20 hours a day," said senior education major Becky Owens.

Becky said that if a student can not understand how important time management is, their bodies will run themselves down.

"I usually am in bed by 11:00 because I have to wake up at 5:45," she said.

Becky said she understands how a healthy sleeping pattern is important to physical and academic success.

"People don't realize how sleep deprivation can hurt your thinking process," she said.

Becky is right. Doctors recommend that students sleep an average of eight hours per night. Some students push that to the limit.

Controversial caffeine pills like No-Dose and Truckers Love It and energy drinks such as Red-Bull have become more popular than ever. Some students mix Red Bull with alcohol, a move that can be fatal.

In college newspaper publishing, an unhealthy regimen has become infamous. Student staffs are usually up late nights copy editing, laying out pages and putting the last touches on art. Northwestern's college newspaper is no different.

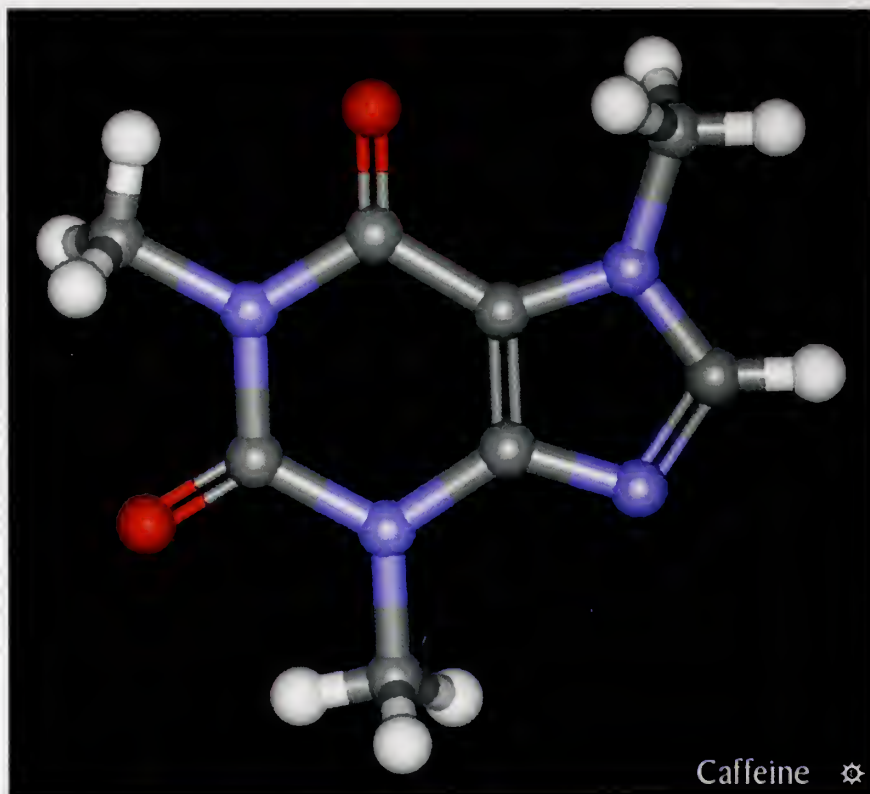
The Current Sauce is brought to press every Thursday morning at 8:00 so students can receive each week's edition by early afternoon. That means Wednesday nights quickly turn into Thursday mornings for The Sauce staff.

"Sometimes it can be pretty brutal," said editor in chief Kaleb Breaux. "When you pull 36-to 48-hour days, it definitely affects your thinking process. That can be detrimental in class."

Becky had some advice.

"I keep everything written in a planner and try to live in day-tight compartments. I, like everyone, procrastinate a little bit but try to take it day by day," she said.

The drug caffeine is a mixture of different elements. Its chemical equation is $\text{CHH}_2\text{N}_4\text{O}_2$.



Caffeine ☼

THE CAFFEINE FIX

Drinks

Red Bull 115.5
Jolt 72.0
Josta 58.0
Pepsi One 55.0
Mountain Dew 55.0
Mountain Dew Code Red 55.0
Dr. Pepper 41.0
Pepsi 38.4
Coca-Cola Classic 34.0
Snapple Peach 31.5
A&W Root Beer 26.5
Nesta Sweet Iced Tea 26.5
Surge 52.5
Diet Coca-Cola 45.0
Sunkist 41.0
Mr. Pibb 40.8
7 Up 0

Coffee

Percolated 140
Drip 115-175
Espresso 100
Brewed 80-135
Instant 65-100
Decaf, brewed 5

Chocolate

Milk Chocolate 1-15
Dark Chocolate 5-35
Bakers Chocolate 26
Chocolate Syrup 4

Medication

No-Doz 200
Dextrin 200
Stay Awake 200
No-Doz 100
Caffeine Mints 12
Excedrin 65
Midol 32.4



Britany Littlejohn (left) and Lakeshiay Collins (right) drink coffee before their early morning class. Many college students depend on caffeine to get going.

eye

CANDY

nsu is home to many rising artists

Junior graphic communications major Dan Grissom always knew he had a talent that went beyond paint by numbers.

"I've drawn ever since I was a little kid," he said. "I thought 'I'll always draw or paint no matter what I do.' So it just seemed fitting that I do that for a living."

He said the process of creating a piece of art is the most satisfying thing possible.

"The process of painting or creating something when you get something satisfying is definitely more rewarding than the outcome of the piece," he said.

Grissom said the downfall of many painters is complacency. Some create a good piece of art and get stuck on that one piece.

"Some don't keep trying new things," he said.

Art students at Northwestern showcase their best work in their senior art shows, which are open to the public. Art shows are in conjunction with independent study classes. Grissom said the process of creating an art show is as artistic as the paintings, sculptures, and photography that go into them.

"Your show has to have substance and flow really well," he said.

Grissom said art professors are a tremendous help when guiding students in the direction that suits their individual tastes.

He said that, on a daily basis, his art professors are mentors.

"The art teachers at Northwestern are very good about nurturing your artistic abilities," he said. "They push you to paint at your absolute best...they know when you didn't put your entire self into a piece of work"

Grissom plans to attend graduate school after he graduates. He said many graphic communications majors work for ad agencies or go on to work independently as designers."

"A lot just keep painting and, if they do well enough, they make their living by selling their art. Some teach high school, some go to graduate school, get their masters, and end up teaching at the college level," he said.



Art major Jodie Johnson showcases his abstract sculpture made of wood and steel.



Professor Michael Yankowski and student Tobi Guidry look at some woodcuts done by former art student Alan Pasch.

Senior art major Cynthia Figueroa stores her storyboards from a video project in Graphic Communication 4.





Junior art major Dan Grissom works on a palette knife oil painting in his studio.

with TOPS

honors

One of the first classes supported by the state's tuition assistance programs graduated in the fall of 2002.

Since the TOPPS program began in 1998, it has paid for one in four high school graduates to go to college for free. That has cost the state more than \$100 million per year but has increased the amount of scholarships Northwestern can give to its students.

"Since the state is now paying tuition for these students, universities have more funds for dorm, meal, and other forms of scholarships," said Travis Lavigne, chairman of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission.

Louisiana does not have a set budget for TOPS. Money is allocated after the state verifies how many students qualify and will accept the award.

Amanda Majure, who is a senior double major in business and computer information systems, said TOPS has made her dreams of a college degree possible.

"If the TOPS program wasn't available, I might not have been able to afford the tuition for college," said Majure. "TOPS has definitely opened the door for a higher education for me and a lot of my friends."

An estimated 70 percent of freshmen at Northwestern State University had their tuitions paid through TOPS.

For the state to pay four-year tuition, students must have met the state average ACT score of 20 out of 36 with a 2.5 grade-point average for core classes. Students with higher grades and ACT scores qualified for tuition scholarships plus expense stipends.

The TOPS program was a first of its kind. Other states around the nation like Oklahoma and Texas are attempting to set up programs like that of Louisiana.

"I don't know why anyone would want to go out of state," said Majure. "Above average work in high school will get your college tuition paid for. You can't go wrong with that."



Senior Amanda
Majure studies for an
accounting exam.
Majure has received
TOPS since she
enrolled at
Northwestern in 1999.

The state publicizes
its tuition assistance
program through
brochures like this one.
TOPS has paid for one
in four college students
since it began in 1998.

Louisiana's Tuition Opportunity Program for Students

**OPPORTUNITY, PERFORMANCE
AND HONORS AWARDS**



**This brochure incorporates changes in
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LEALISASM

Step One: For questions 1-34, leave blank any questions that do not apply to you (the student).

3. Your full name (as it appears on your Social Security card)

1. LAST NAME **McFANCY**

2. FIRST NAME **SLAPPY**

3. MIDDLE INITIAL

7. Your permanent mailing address

4. NUMBER AND STREET (INCLUDE APT. NUMBER) **541 RADIOHEAD LN**

5. CITY (AND COUNTRY IF NOT U.S.) **LOZENGE**

6. STATE **LA**

7. ZIP CODE **7128**

8. Your Social Security Number

807-51-5287

9. Your date of birth

13/45/1924

10. Your permanent telephone number

(580) 723-325

11-12. Your driver's license number and state (if any)

11. LICENSE NUMBER **76765434587942177612**

12. STATE **LA**

3. Are you a U.S. citizen?

Pick one. See page 2.

a. Yes, I am a U.S. citizen. Skip to question 15. ☐ 1

b. No, but I am an eligible noncitizen. Fill in question 14. ☐ 2

c. No, I am not a citizen or eligible noncitizen. ☒ 3

14. ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

ALIEN 521

5. What is your marital status as of today?

I am single, divorced, or widowed ☒ 1

I am married/remarried ☐ 2

I am separated ☐ 3

16. Month and year you were married, separated, divorced, or widowed

MONTH YEAR **28/1198**

each question (17 - 21), please mark whether you will be full time, 3/4 time, half time, less than half time, or not attending. See page 2.

Summer 2002	Full time/Not sure <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	3/4 time <input type="radio"/> 2	Half time <input type="radio"/> 3	Less than half time <input type="radio"/> 4	Not attending <input type="radio"/> 5
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Spring 2003	Full time/Not sure <input checked="" type="radio"/> 1	3/4 time <input type="radio"/> 2	Half time <input type="radio"/> 3	Less than half time <input type="radio"/> 4	Not attending <input type="radio"/> 5
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4. What is your state of legal residence?

STATE **QZ**

25. Did you become a legal resident of this state before January 1, 1997?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☒ 2

If the answer to question 25 is "No," give month and year you became a legal resident.

MONTH YEAR **28/1198**

Are you male? (Most male students must register with Selective Service to get federal aid.)

Yes ☒ 1 No ☐ 2

If you are male (age 18-25) and not registered, answer "Yes" and Selective Service will register you.

Yes ☒ 1 No ☐ 2

9. What degree or certificate will you be working on during 2002-2003? See page 2 and enter the correct number in the box.

2/3

30. What will be your grade level when you begin the 2002-2003 school year? See page 2 and enter the correct number in the box.

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Will you have a high school diploma or GED before you enroll?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☒ 2

Will you have your first bachelor's degree before July 1, 2002?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☒ 2

In addition to grants, are you interested in student loans (which you must pay back)?

Yes ☒ 1 No ☐ 2

In addition to grants, are you interested in "work-study" (which you earn through work)?

Yes ☐ 1 No ☒ 2

5. Do not leave this question blank. Have you ever been convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs? If you have, answer "Yes," complete and submit this application, and we will send you a worksheet in the mail for you to determine if your conviction affects your eligibility for aid.

No ☐ 1 Yes ☒ 2

DO NOT LEAVE QUESTION 35 BLANK

Northwestern's offensive line faces off against the Georgia Bulldogs. Georgia held a 320-65 yard advantage going into halftime.



Safety Neil Ponstein tackles a Southern opponent during the Port City Classic at Independence Stadium in Shreveport.



Ben Beach passes the ball at Athens, GA. The Bulldogs slaughtered NSU 45-7.



The Demon defensive line talks with the coaching staff about defensive strategy in a game against Georgia. The Bulldogs pounded the Demon defense, winning the game 35-7.

Terrence McGee returns a punt in a crucial game with Stephen F. Austin. The Demons won the game 42-35.



any given THURSDAY

story by Britton Faucon

Approximately seven million people were exposed to Demon Football this season. NSU televised the games with Fox Sports West, which is broadcast to five states. To qualify for television coverage, those games were moved to Thursday.

"Any kind of exposure on that level is tremendous - not just for university athletics, but the University as a whole," Doug Ireland, director of sports information, said.

Cool rain trickled onto Turpin Stadium as the Demons played the Southwest Oklahoma Bulldogs, but it did not stymie their performance on the field. The Homecoming victory ranked Northwestern football as fifth in Division I-AA.

"We got the game we wanted," first-year coach Scott Stoker, said. "We stuffed them defensively and took control early."

Sam Houston received a scare Halloween night as the Demons came out to play. Fans clad in Halloween costumes witnessed the defeat of Bearkats, which made NSU the No. 3 ranked team.

"We wanted this to be the biggest Halloween party ever in Natchitoches," said Jeff Muckleroy, Fox Sports Net producer. "We loved the way the NSU students got into the game we did earlier this month (Oct. 10, a 40-27 win over Southwest Texas) and we figure with it being Halloween night, the atmosphere will be just be more fun."

A crowd of 17,031 witnessed the roping of the Demons by the second-ranked McNeese State Cowboys. The amount of roaring fans to enter Turpine Stadium was the second largest in 26 seasons, only exceeded by the crowd of 17,538 at the Sept. 2, 2000 game against Southern.

The Demons sacrificed the 2002 Southland Conference football title and lowered their ranking to No. 12 with the loss to McNeese State.

Standing 7-foot 6, 320 pounds, Chief Caddo, the largest college trophy presided over the battle of the Demons and old-rival the Steven F. Austin Lumberjacks. The Demons maintained their possession of Chief Caddo and claimed an invitation to the Division I-AA playoffs.

Viewers exceeded a half-million around Louisiana extending to Bossier City, Natchitoches, Alexandria-Pineville, Lafayette, Baton Rouge and New Orleans stations for the I-AA Division playoff game against Montana.



2002 Demon Football

Home games in bold

*Southland conference game

1-AA Playoffs

Delta State 7
NSU 35

***McNeese 27**
NSU 3

Southern 20
NSU 30

*NSU 42
Stephen F. Austin 35

Delaware State 14
NSU 34

NSU 14
Montana 45

NSU 7
Georgia 45

Elon 20
NSU 47

***Southwest Texas 27**
NSU 40

Southwest Oklahoma 0
NSU 38

*NSU 21
Nicholls 14

***Sam Houston 10**
NSU 38

*NSU 10
Jacksonville State 19

BIG SKY

turns dark for Demons

story by Britton Faucon

The Montana Grizzlies defended their national champion title when they devoured the Demons in the Division I-AA national playoff game. After a previous loss to Montana State on their home field, the Grizzlies reclaimed their territory after the 45-14 victory over Northwestern.

The Demons trailed with a total of 65 yards and five downs at halftime.

"You back a bear into a corner and he's gonna come out fighting," said first-year Demon's coach Scott Stoker. "They sure did. They looked like defending national champions. They were an offensive team trying to get back into rhythm and they found it."

A crucial point of the playoff game occurred when Montana's Herb Fernandez ran untouched for 16 yards and gained a 21-point lead for the Grizzlies.

"That was a huge play," Stoker said. "There's a big difference in being down two or three touchdowns. At the end they made a great play on a pass we shouldn't have thrown, probably a play we shouldn't have run. If they don't get that and we go in at the half down 14-0 and getting the ball at the start of the third quarter, we would have had a lot smaller hill to climb."

With 12 minutes left in the game, Ben Beach rocketed a 40-yard pass to Freddie Harrison and achieved a second touchdown for the Demons.

Stoker explained that the team experienced its defeat before they landed in Montana, but does not attribute the unfortunate travel arrangements to the eventual loss to the Grizzlies. Northwestern's NCAA-arranged charter flight was delayed due to a mechanical problem. Fog further disrupted the trip to Missoula and caused the Demons to arrive only 18 hours before the noon kickoff.

"You can't say it helped us any, but I don't think it made the difference in the game," Stoker said. "Montana made the difference. Give them all the credit for what happened out there today. Things happened and you've got to handle it."



The Demon defensive
line tackles a Montana
opponent. NSU's
defense was ineffective.
The Demons lost the
game 14-45.



Wide Receiver Devon
Lockett runs down the
field after catching a
pass from Ben Beach.
The Demons only made
two touchdowns in the
game.

Ben Beach looks to
pass. The Demons
struggled in the cold
weather, trailing with a
total of 65 yards and
five downs at halftime.



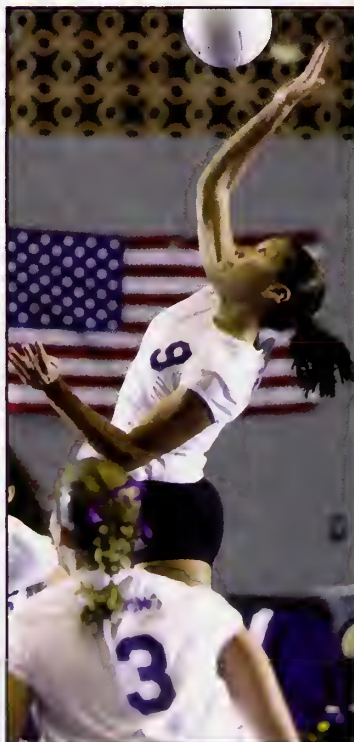


The Demons attempt to stay warm while waiting to be introduced at the stadium. A chill was in the air.

The Alcorn State Braves
face off against the Iowa
Hawkeyes in the
Northwestern State
tournament.



Chelsia Smith digs for
the ball in a game against
McNeese. She had seven
defensive digs in the
game.



Cathy Herring (3) sets
up Bernise Fonseca (9)
against Sam Houston.
The Demons won 3-0.



Becky David jumps to
tap the ball over the net
in a game against
Centenary.





Christine Stone spikes the ball. In 2002, Stone became the school's career leader in digs (1150) and is second in career kills (1246).

demons take a **SIDE OUT**

for southland tournament

Under the direction of first-year coach Leigh Davis, Northwestern State volleyball gained a new perception for the 2002 season. The Lady Demons were rated 10th out of 11 teams in the Southland Conference and began practice in early August to prepare for the upcoming season.

"We look very good. Our returning players came back in great shape, the best I've ever seen from veterans on our team. Our newcomers will have a huge impact because they bring lots of athletic ability," Davis said.

Northwestern lost its first two matches to Texas Christian University and Arkansas-Little Rock. Newcomer Flavia Belo dislocated her shoulder in the first game in the second match at the Arkansas State Classic.

"We played really well but losing her was a big blow," Davis said. "We were settling into a nice flow when she went out. Hopefully it's not a season-ending injury."

After the loss of Belo, the Lady Demons prevailed with their first win of the season over Belmont. Christina Stone, senior outside hitter, played her season's best match and was one of the seven women in the all-tournament team.

A victory over Grambling State recorded the 100th career collegiate victory for new coach Leigh Davis. The trend continued for the next two matches.

A devastating loss to Louisiana Tech resulted in the Demons inability to return serves.

Two matches later, another win equaled the number of victories recorded for the previous season.


"Becky (David) played great and I was proud of the way the whole team performed," Davis said. "It was a good win."

The Southwest Texas Bobcats clawed a tremendous victory in a conference match that decided the next five Southland conference games for NSU.

The next three matches ended in defeat. Louisiana-Monroe Indians managed its first win over Northwestern after seven attempts.

story by Britton Faucon





2002 Lady Demon Volleyball

*Southland conference game

Arkansas State Tournament

TCU L 1-3

Ark.-Little Rock L 0-3

Belmont W 3-1

Arkansas State L 2-3

TX-San Antonio* L 0-3

Southwest TX* L 2-3

TX Arlington* L 0-3

LA-Monroe* L 1-3

Northwestern State Tournament

Grambling State W 3-0

Alcorn State W 3-0

TX Southern W 3-0

Tulsa L 1-3

Louisiana Tech L 0-3

Grambling W 3-1

Steph. F. Austin* L 0-3

Sam Houston* W 3-2

Nicholls State* L 1-3

Southeastern* L 1-3

McNeese State* L 1-3

Lamar* L 0-3

Western Illinois Tournament

Iowa L 0-3

West. Illinois W 3-0

West. Kentucky L 1-3

Eastern Michigan L 1-3

Texas-Arlington* L 0-3

Southwst. Texas* L 2-3

TX-San Antonio* L 2-3

Centenary W 3-0

LA-Monroe* W 3-1

Steph. F. Austin* L 1-3

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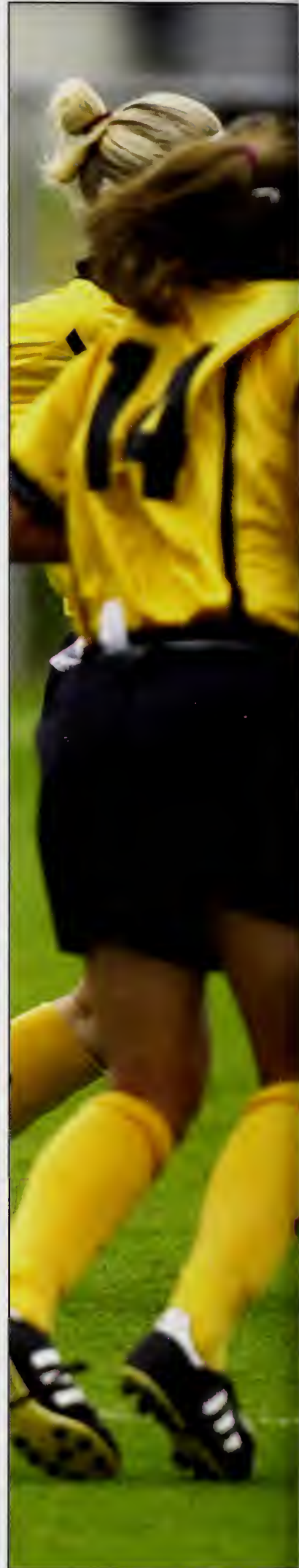
Centenary W 3-0

Midfielder Jacqui Lawrence wards off an opponent from Mercer. The Demons won 5-0 in the season opener.



Teammates congratulate Brittany Hung. The SLC named Hung Second Team All-Conference. It also named Katie Priest Player of the Year, Heather Penico Freshman of the Year Hand and Jimmy Mitchell Coach of the Year.

Jacqui Lawrence heads the ball against Mercer. Lawrence aided Hillarie Marshall by a header off a corner kick to give Northwestern a win, 5-0 in its season opener.



demons kick toward **TOP HONORS** in the southland

NSU's girls of the big green persevered through injury and overcame inexperience to capture the 2003 Southland Conference Women's soccer championship for the second time in three years.

The first test for the relatively young Lady Demons, nine freshman and seven sophomores, came at the season-opening NSU/Best Western Classic where the Lady Demons squashed Mercer University 5-0. The Lady Demons were overwhelmed in their next three games, losing to Tulane, Mississippi State and Centenary.

That defeat-ridden road ended in Lafayette. With a 4-2 victory against the Ragin' Cajuns of ULL, due in part to three goals scored by Rachel Folk, the Demons were able to quiet any detractors for the moment.

After the win against ULL the Lady Demons became winning junkies, going on a 4-0 tear that delivered wins against ULL, Arkansas State, Arkansas-Little Rock and University of Louisiana-Monroe.

In Lake Charles the Lady Demons hit a bump in the road when the McNeese State University Cowgirls snapped the Lady Demons' six game-winning streak. NSU's offensive tri-feeta, Brittany Hung, Rachel Folk and Hillarie Marshall suffered sidelining injuries late in the season.

But a soccer team is not made up of just three players. It's made of 22 and the other 19 were determined to finish out the season on top of the SLC.

The Lady Demons switched their focus from offense to defense and rested the burden upon the rock-hard shoulders of goalkeeper Nellie Latolais. Defenders Tara Powasnik, Raquel Flores, Katie Priest and Jill Lowe responded with an ice-cold defense that gave the Lady Demons the push they needed to win the SLC Championship.

Priest, along with forward Heather Pennico, was named to the ALL-SLC Team. Latolais, Folk and midfielder Jacqui Lawrence earned honorable mentions on the team.

In recognition for resurrecting a champion from the crypt of disgrace, head coach Jimmy Mitchell was awarded the SLC Coach of the Year Honors.

It is safe to say that after the 2003 season, the NSU Lady Demons have finally conquered their demons.

Rachel Villio drives past
Arkansas State defenders.
The Demons won the
game 1-0.

story by Andrew David



2002 DEMON SOCCER

*Southland Conference Play

Arkansas State Tournament

TCU L 1-3
Arkansas-Little Rock
L 0-3
Belmont W 3-1
Arkansas State L 2-3

Northwestern State Tournament

Grambling State W 3-0
Alcorn State W 3-0
Texas Southern W 3-0
Tulsa L 1-3
Louisiana Tech L 0-3
Grambling @ Ruston
W 3-1

Western Illinois Tournament

Iowa L 0-3
Western Illinois W 3-0
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Eastern Michigan L 1-3

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Stephen F. Austin* L 0-
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Sam Houston* W 3-2
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Lamar* L 0-3
Texas-Arlington* L 0-3
Southwest Texas* L 2-3
Texas-San Antonio* L
2-3

2002 Women's Outdoor Track Bests

100 Meters

Kim Pouncy 11.68 - Lamar
Matilda Baker 11.88 - Lamar
Camille Pouncy 11.90 - LSU
Brittany Littlejohn 12.36 - LSU
Denise Quezaire 13.38 - LSU

100 Meter Hurdles

Brittany Littlejohn 13.81 - Lamar
Amaris Davidson 14.70 - LSU
Katina Raymond 14.78 - Lamar
Denise Quezaire 15.41 - Lamar

200 Meters

Camille Pouncy 24.40 - Lamar
Erica Casnave 25.18 - LSU
Brittany Littlejohn 25.30 - Lamar
Chasity Summerville 25.80 - Lamar
Kattina Raymond 29.51 - LSU

400 Meters

Chasity Summerville 1:00.66 - LSU

400 Meter Hurdles

Carrie Norton 1:04.74 - LSU

800 Meters

Christy Stark 2:23.55 - Lamar
Jill Schenk 2:26.21 - LSU
Tameka Francis 2:35.57 - LSU

1500 Meter Run

Jill Schenk 4:58.87 - Lamar

3000 Meter Run

Linzi Bedford 12:20.89 - SHSU

Amanda Webster 13:34.37 - SHSU

High Jump

Jacqueline Canton 5-7.00 - LSU
Amaris Davidson 5-6.00 - SHSU

Long Jump

Stephanie Sowell 18-11.50 - Lamar
Denise Quezaire 15-7.00 - Lamar
Alexis Clark 15-1.50 - Lamar

Triple Jump

Jacqueline Canton 40-3.50 - Lamar

Shot Put

Stephanie Harmon 44-4.75 - Lamar
Denise Quezaire 27-0.00 - Lamar

Pole Vault

Danielle Moss 9-6.25 - LSU
Angel Villa 9-0.00 - SHSU

Javelin

Lauren Atterberry 134-11.00 - Lamar
Denise Quezaire 86-10.00 - Lamar

Discus

Stephanie Harmon 115-10.00 - Lamar

*prepared by Matt Bailey







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2002 Men's Outdoor Track Bests

100 Meters

Tyler Priest 11.23 - LSU

110 Meter Hurdles

Larry Quinney 14.29 - SHSU

Tyler Priest 14.46 - LSU

Rashad Bullock 14.85 - Lamar

400 Meters

Justin Wolfe 48.24 - LSU

Jason Champagne 49.84 - Lamar

Robert Etheridge 51.23 - LSU

Kevin Scott 51.64 - Lamar

400 Meter Hurdles

Blake Hines 55.31 - LSU

Rashad Bullock 1:00.00 - SHSU

Blake Hines 55.01 - Lamar

800 Meters

Terry Gatson 1:54.85 - Lamar

Kevin Scott 2:08.15 - LSU

Keenan Joseph 2:15.79 - LSU

1500 Meter Run

Jonah Chelimo 4:04.15 - Lamar

Bryce Woods 4:36.12 - SHSU

3000 Meter Run

Jonah Chelimo 9:06.01 - Lamar

Noah Murgor 9:21.42

5000 Meter Run

Danon O'Kelly 17:45.97 - LSU

3000 Meter Steeplechase

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Long Jump

Cedric Scott 25-3.50 - Lamar

Shannon Joshua 27-4.5 - Lamar

Robert Etheridge 22-1.50 - LSU

William Green 22-07.25 - Lamar

Andrew Causey 17-6.00 - Lamar

Triple Jump

Shannon Joshua 50-2.75 - Lamar

Kevin Scott 48-8.25 - Lamar

William Green 46-11.75 - LSU

Discus

William Budro 157-2.00 - Lamar

Issa Banna 155-8.00 - LSU

Titus May 143-8.50 - SHSU

Shot Put

Chris Jones 52-7.25 - SHSU

Issa Banna 51-6.25 - SHSU

Titus May 51-3.75 - SHSU

Roy Locks 47-7.00 - SHSU

William Budro 45-1.75 - Lamar

Javelin

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Jeremy Lofton 197-5.00 - Lamar

Loren Martin 180-0.00 - Lamar

Shane Curley 167-3.00 - SHSU

Tommy McClelland 156-7.00 - SHSU

Andrew Causey 122-2.00 - Lamar

Prepared by Matt Bailey



Varsity Men's Eight
rowers for the long row
of them. "I just
wanted a water break,
" says Rob Morgan.



the northwestern MARATHON

story by Callie Reames



The USA Men's rowing team traditionally consists of America's best rowers. The NSU crew members have the opportunity to watch them race.

Rowers and coaches prepare boats for the marathon. More than 40 teams competed in the 2002 Northwestern State Marathon.

Varsity Women's Four boat sets their oars in preparation for the 26.381 mile trek ahead of them.



The early morning November sunshine gleamed over the surface of the Cane River Lake last fall as hundreds of competitors prepared themselves and their boats for a 26 1/2 mile race unlike any other in the world.

The 13th annual Marathon Rowing Championships started down the Cane River near Melrose Plantation, one of Natchitoches' many historic homes. After curling and maneuvering up the placid waterway to Natchitoches, NSU crew dock attendants met the boats on Front Street, where some participants were so fatigued they had to be helped off the water. The 300-plus competitors finished the arduous course in between three and seven hours, depending on the type of boat and the number of people in each boat.

There were canoes, kayaks and racing shells ranging from singles to eight person boats. The NSU boats that participated in the race ranked first and second in their respective divisions.

The women's varsity four won a gold medal for their time of 4:13:06—a solid 46 minutes faster than Berry College. The varsity men's eight trailed UT by less than two minutes with a time of 03:02:12 and finished with silver.

After the competitors finished the race and placed their boat in slings or on a trailer, a hot bowl of chicken and sausage gumbo awaited them. The mother and father of marathon regatta director Kristen Huben prepared the meal for the weary racers.

Huben, NSU Crew president and a junior liberal arts major, directed the event for the second year in a row. The NSU crew members who were not rowing in the race aided Huben by driving cars and trailers from the race start to Front Street, recording start and finish times, and doing other miscellaneous things to keep the competition running as smoothly as possible.





spirit groups

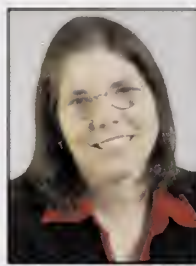
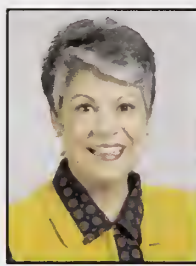








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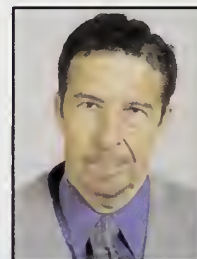
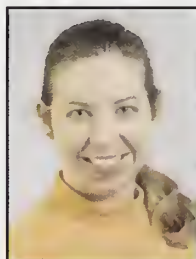
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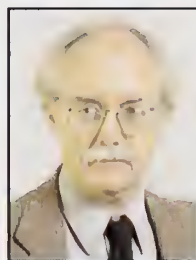
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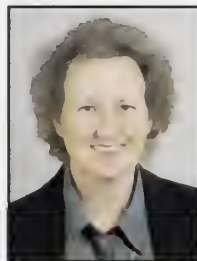
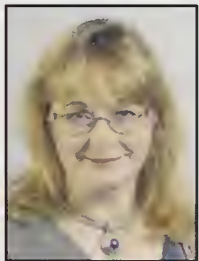
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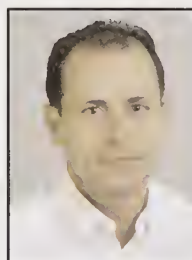


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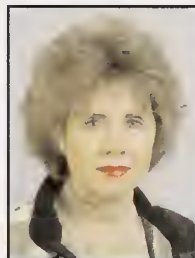


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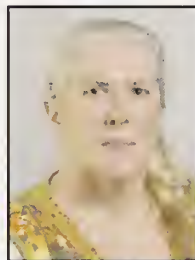
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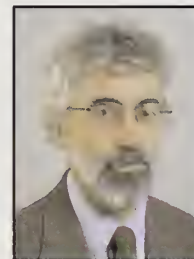
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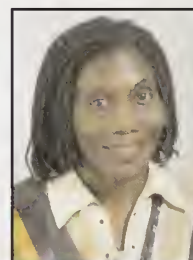
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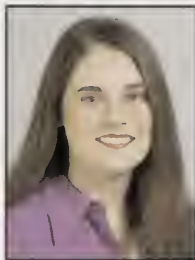


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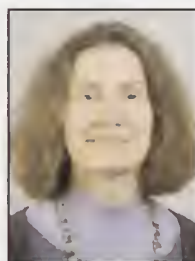
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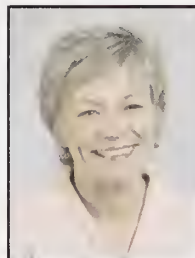


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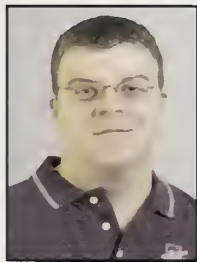
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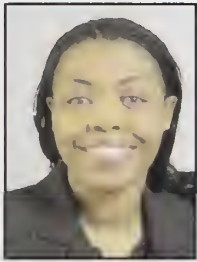
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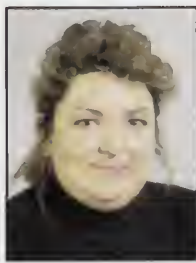
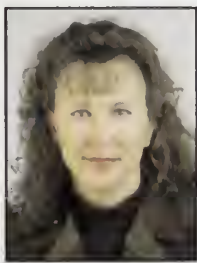
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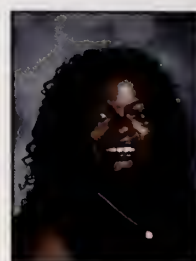


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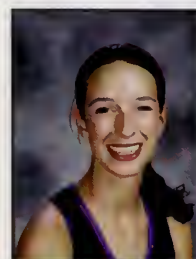
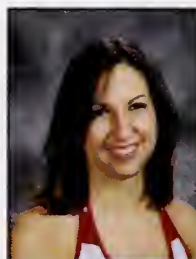


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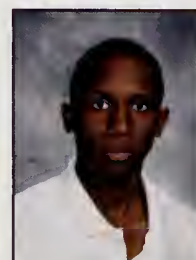
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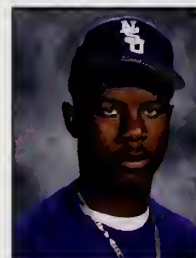
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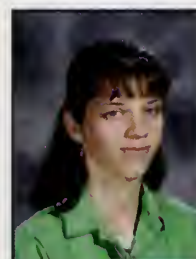
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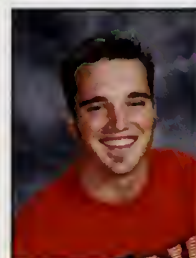
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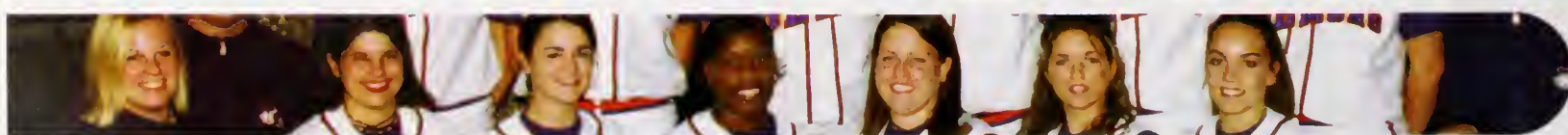
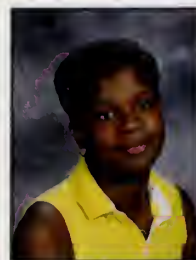
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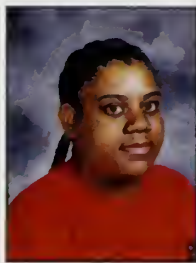


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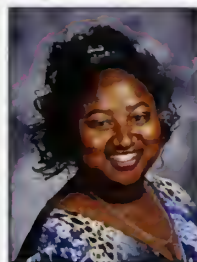
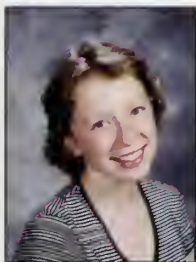
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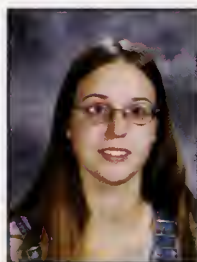
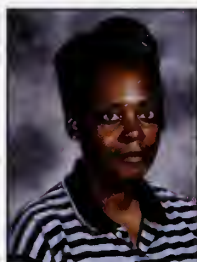
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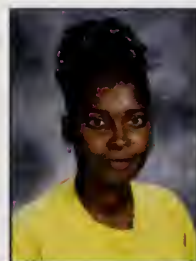
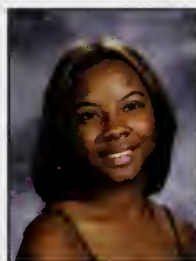
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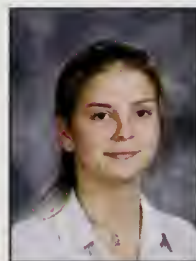
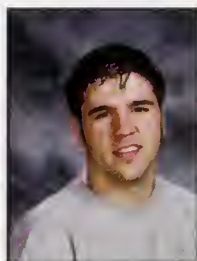
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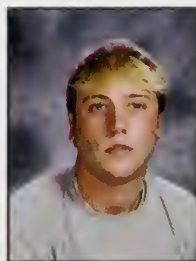
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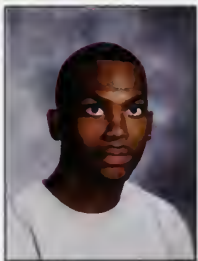
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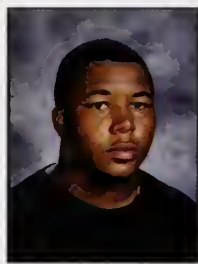
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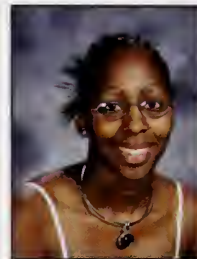
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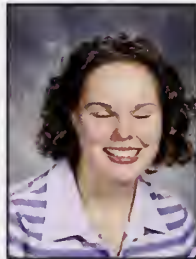
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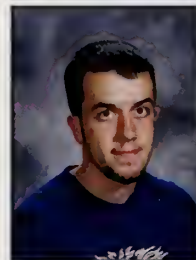
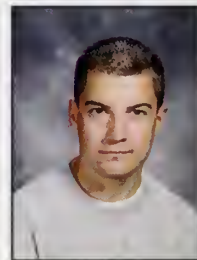
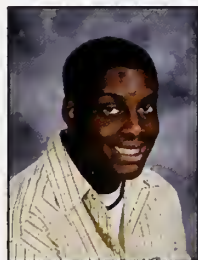
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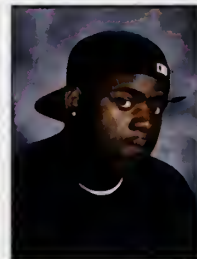
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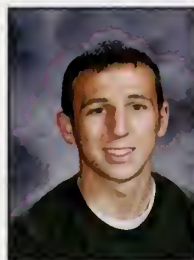
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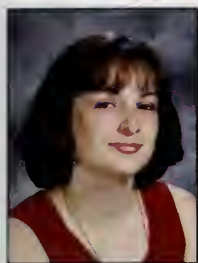


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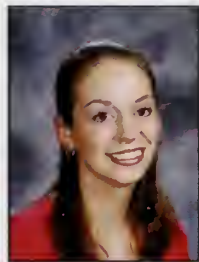




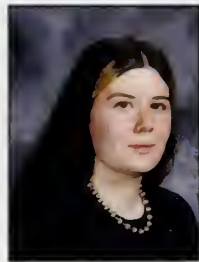
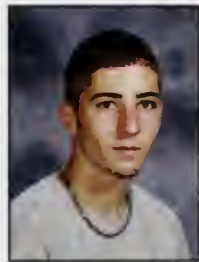
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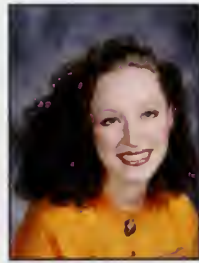
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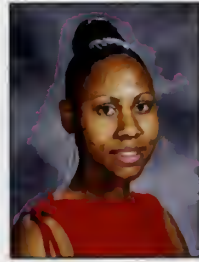
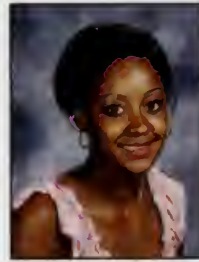
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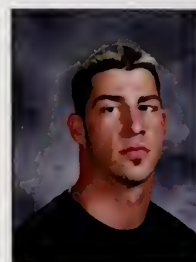
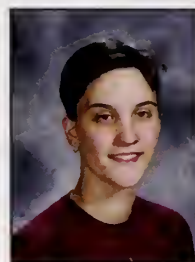
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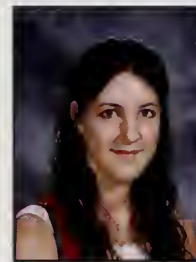
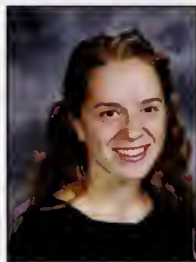
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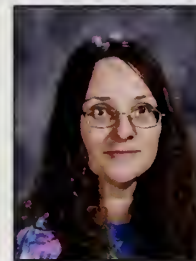
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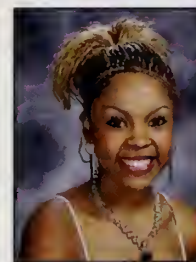
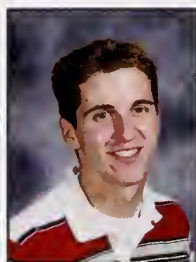
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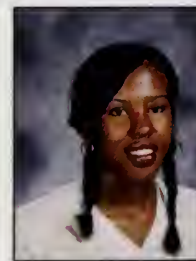
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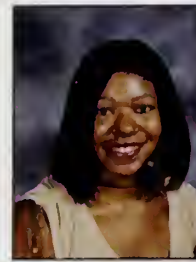
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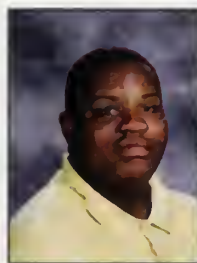
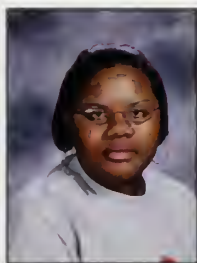
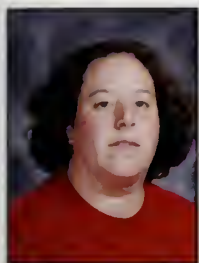


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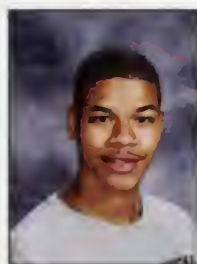
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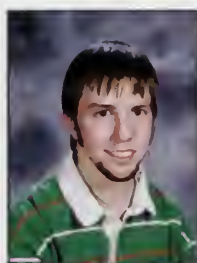
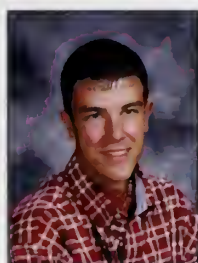
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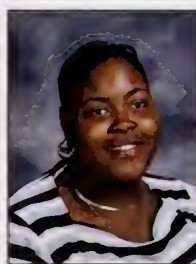
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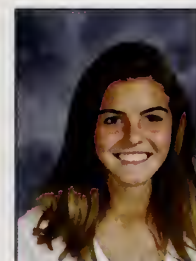
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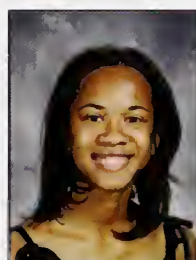
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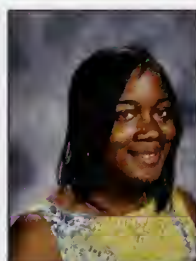
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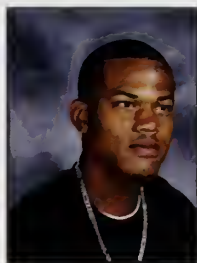


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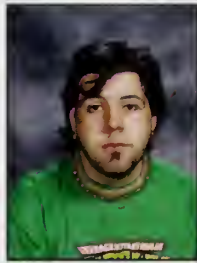




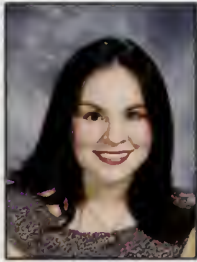
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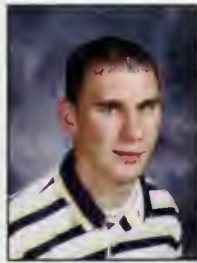
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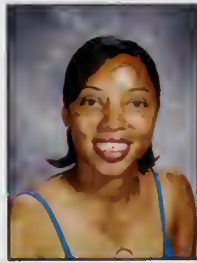
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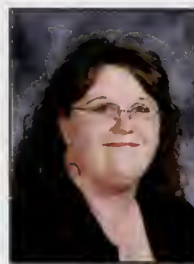
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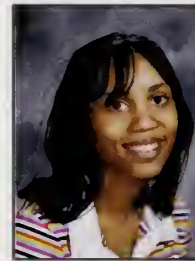
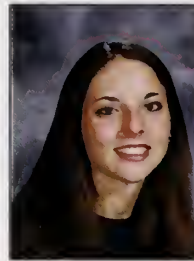
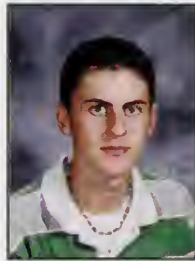
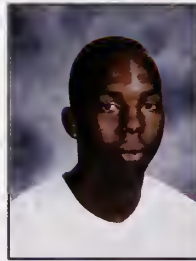
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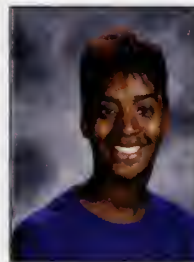
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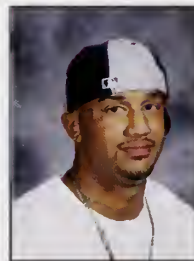
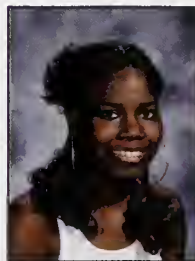
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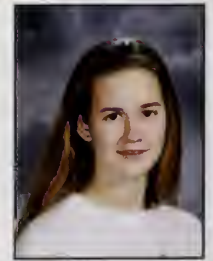
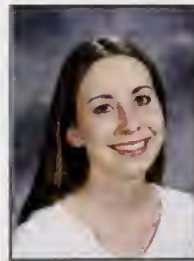
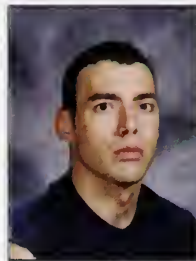
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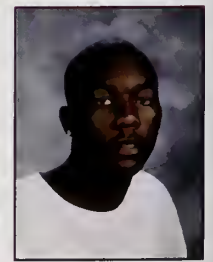
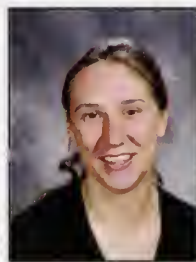
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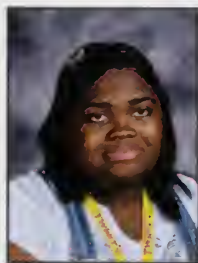


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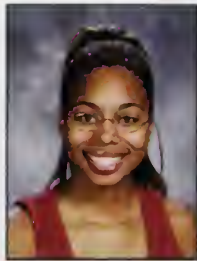
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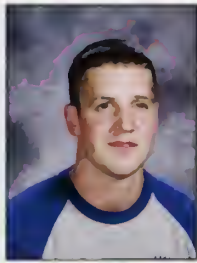
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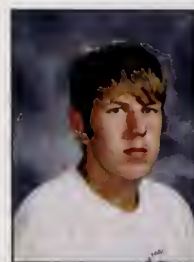
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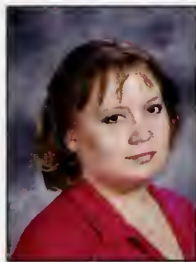
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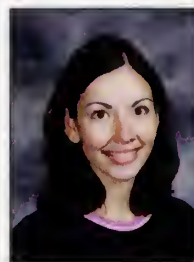
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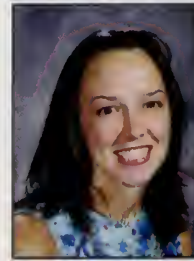
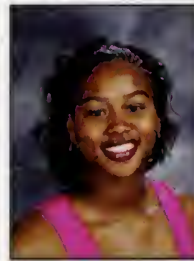
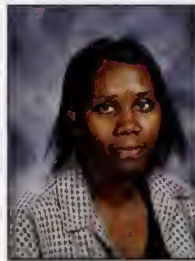
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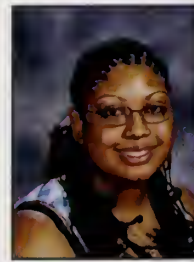
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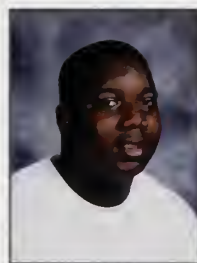
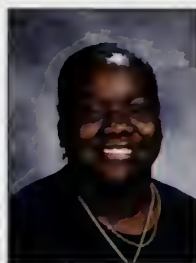


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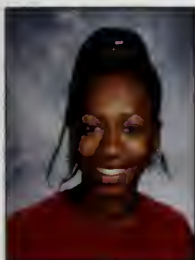
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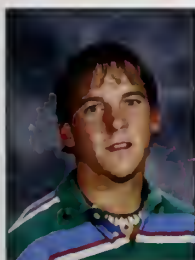
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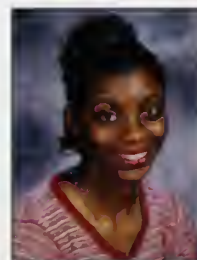
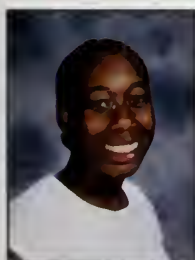
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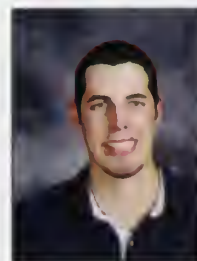
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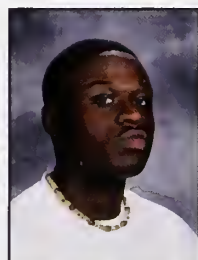
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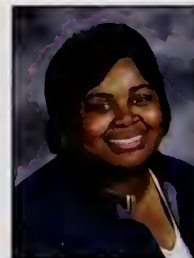
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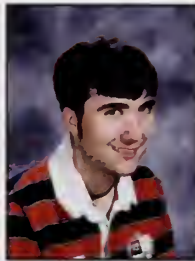


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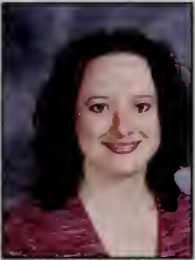




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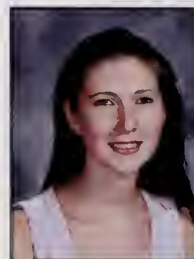
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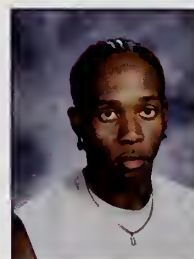
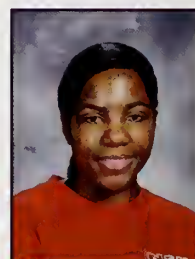
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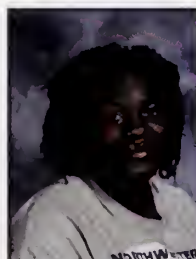
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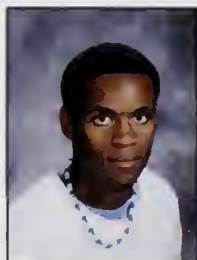


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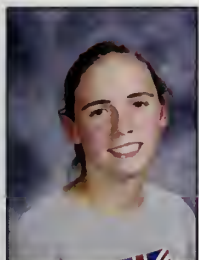


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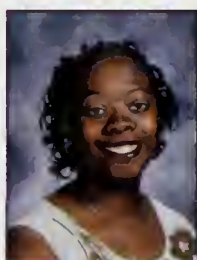
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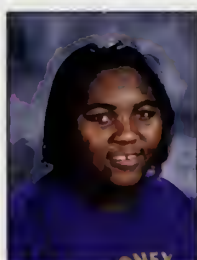
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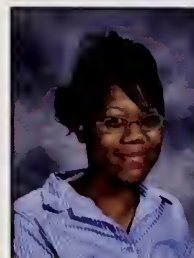
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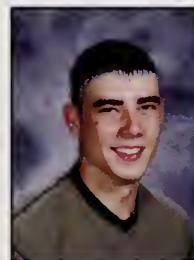
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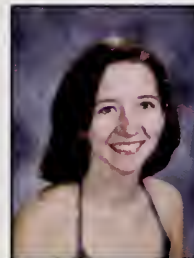
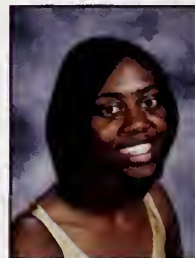
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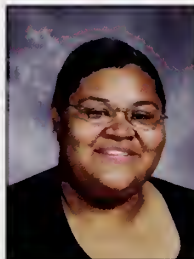
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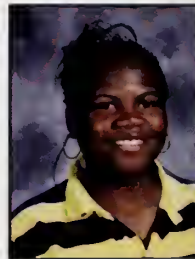
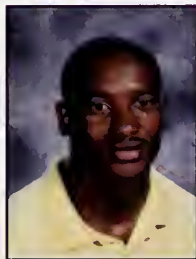
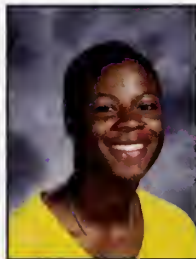
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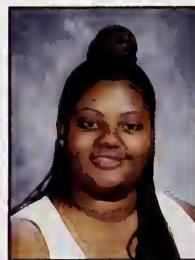
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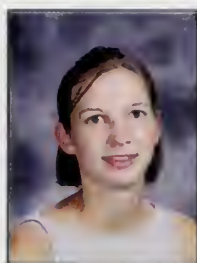
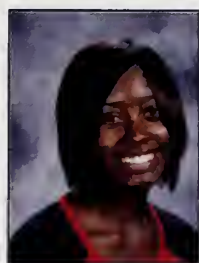


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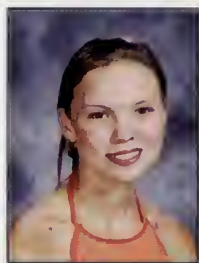


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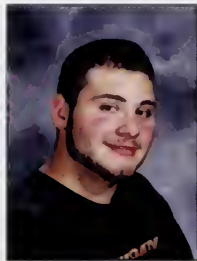
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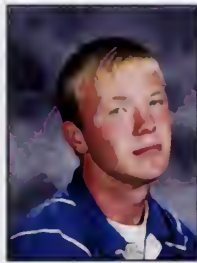
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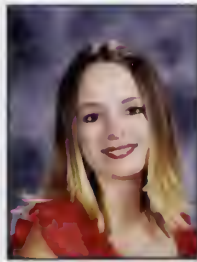
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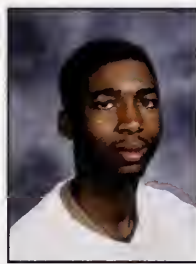
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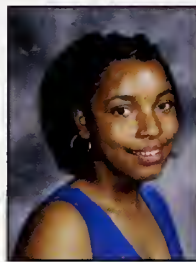
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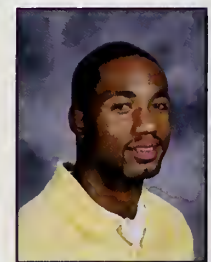
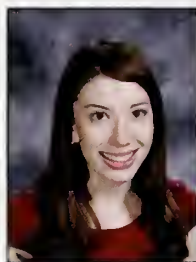
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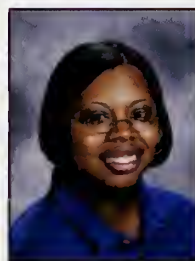
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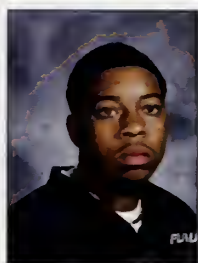


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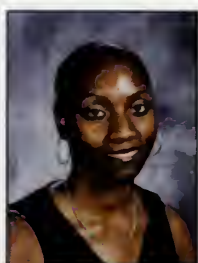




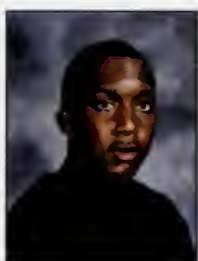
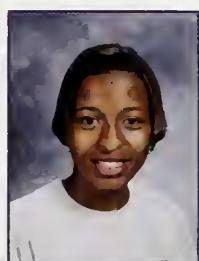
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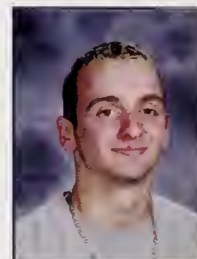
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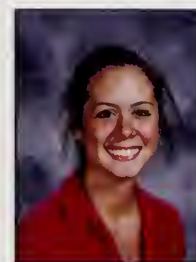
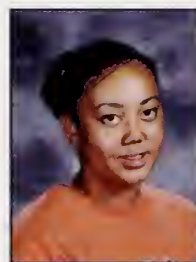
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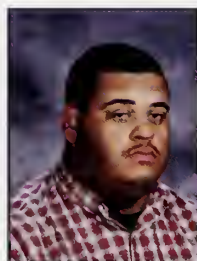
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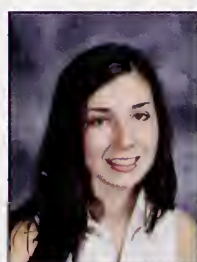
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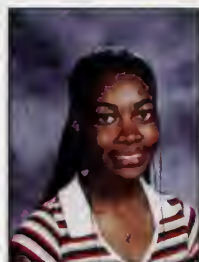


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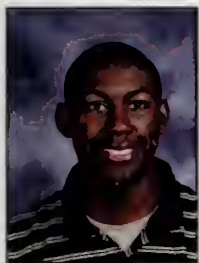




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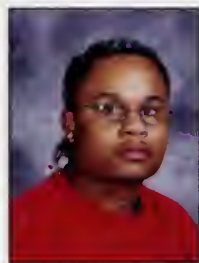
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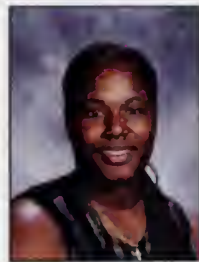
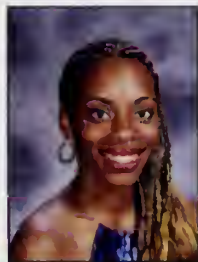
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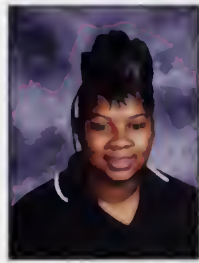
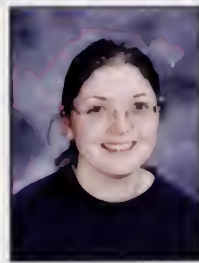
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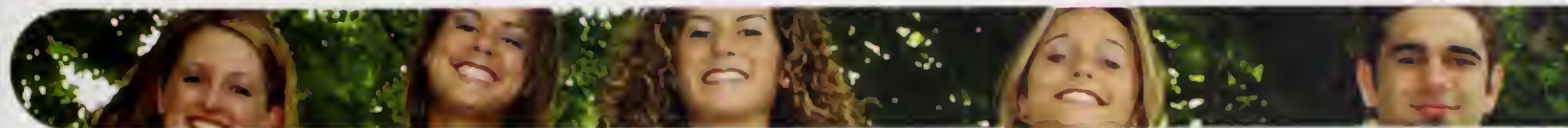
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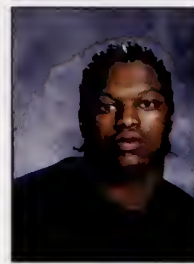
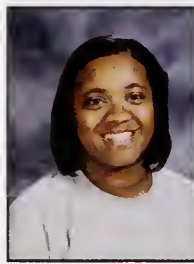
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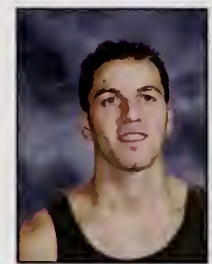
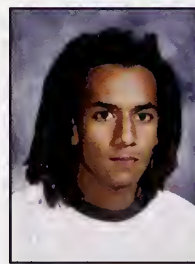
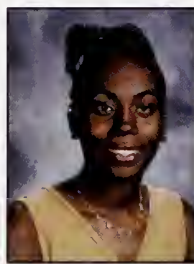
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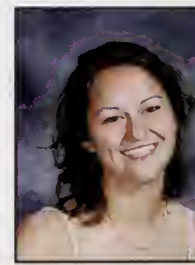
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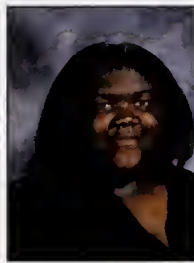
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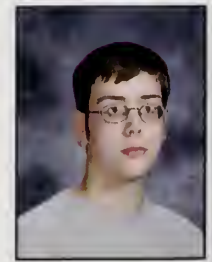
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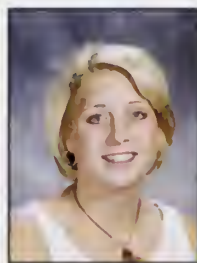
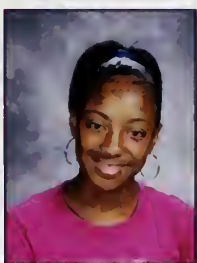
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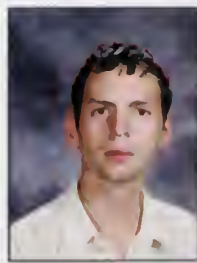
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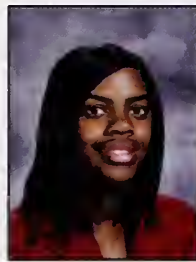
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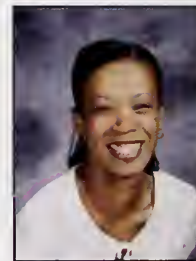
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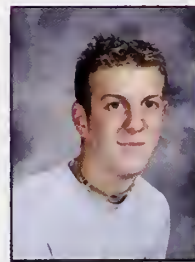
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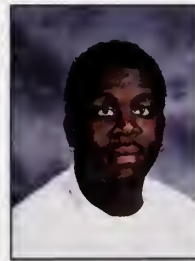
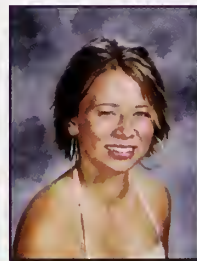
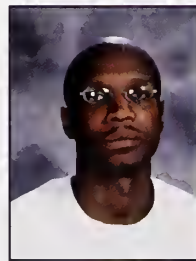
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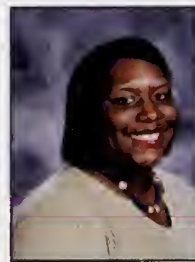
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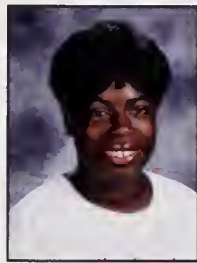


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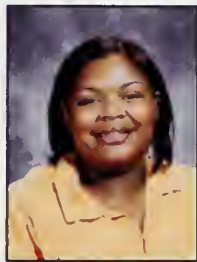




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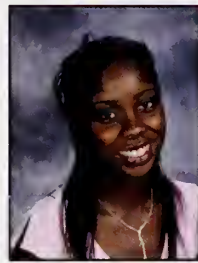
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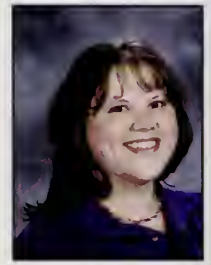
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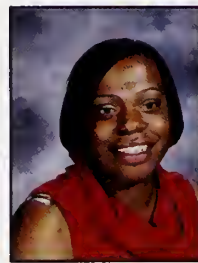
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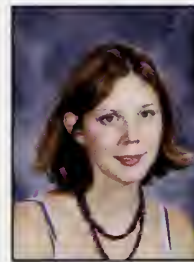
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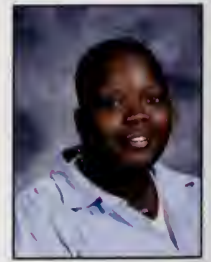
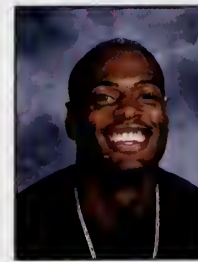
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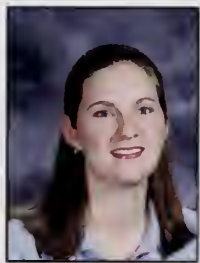


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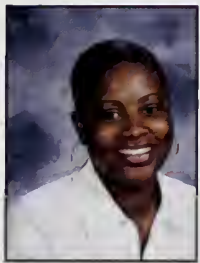


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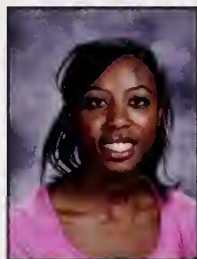
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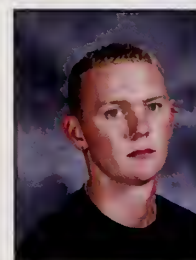
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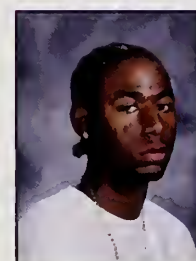
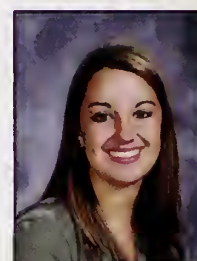
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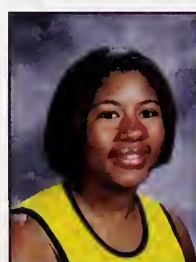
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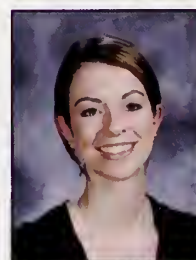
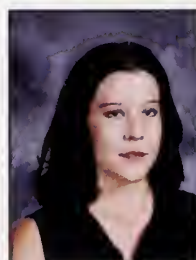
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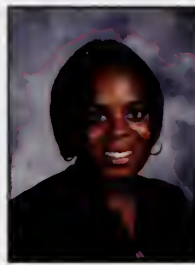




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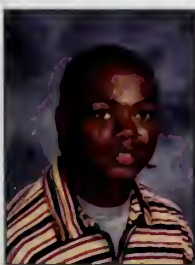
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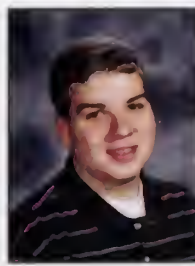
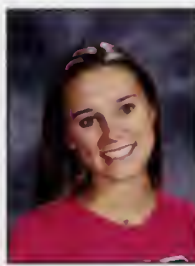
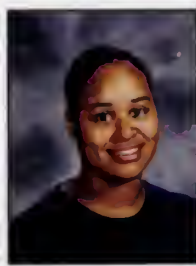
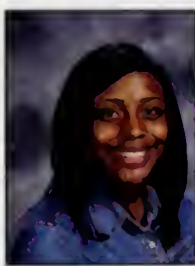
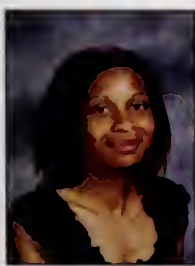
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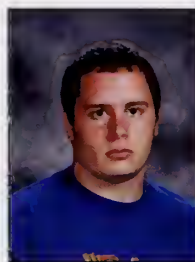
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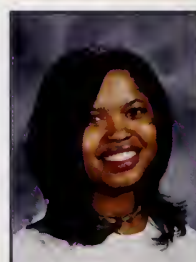
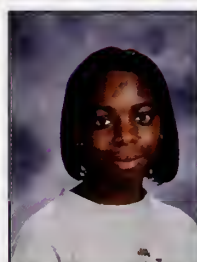
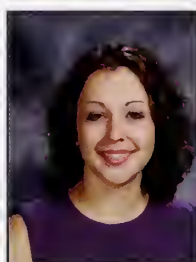
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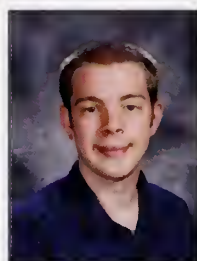
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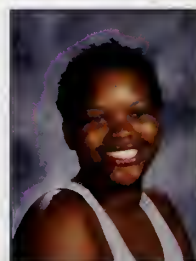
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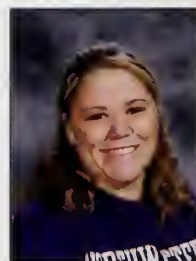
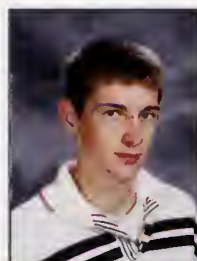
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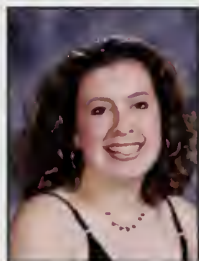
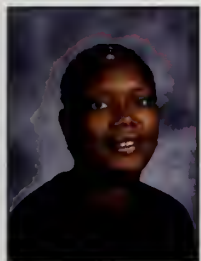


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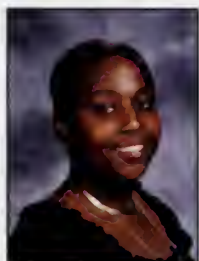
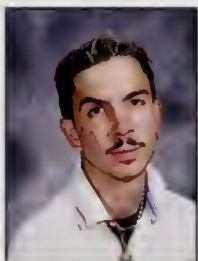




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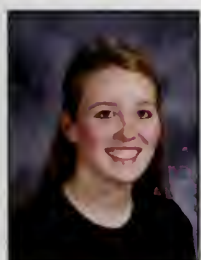
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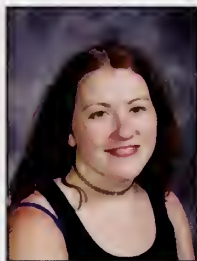
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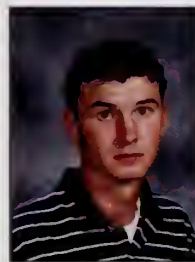
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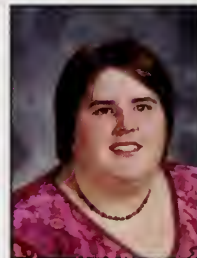
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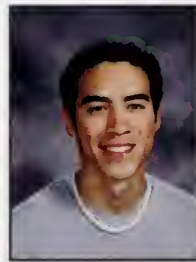
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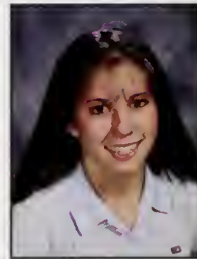
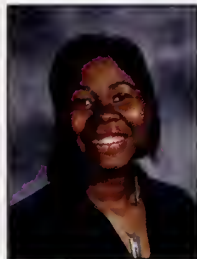
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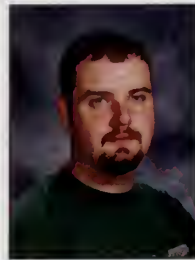
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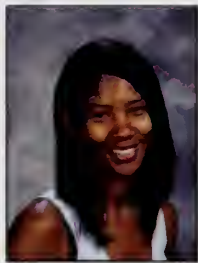


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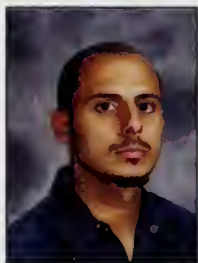




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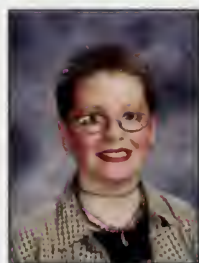
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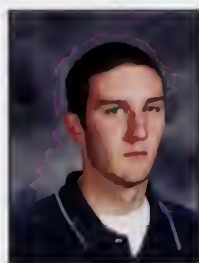
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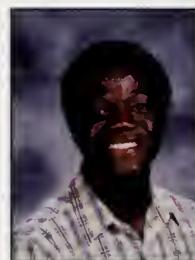
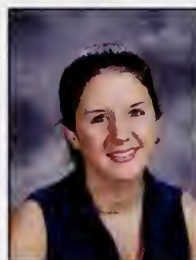


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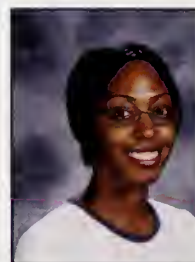
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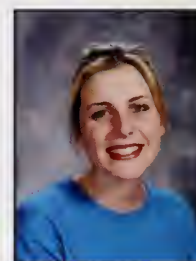
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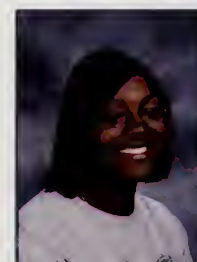
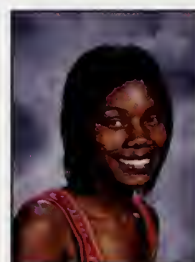
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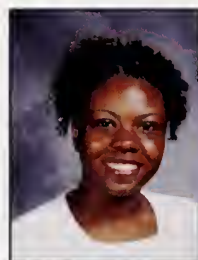
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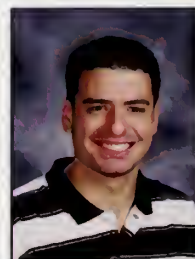
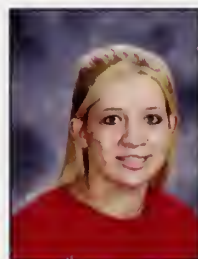
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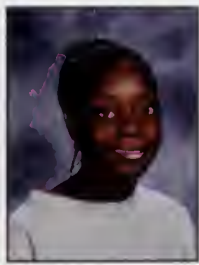
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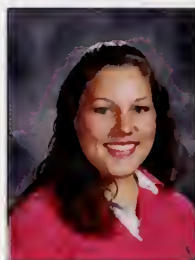
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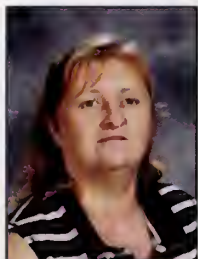
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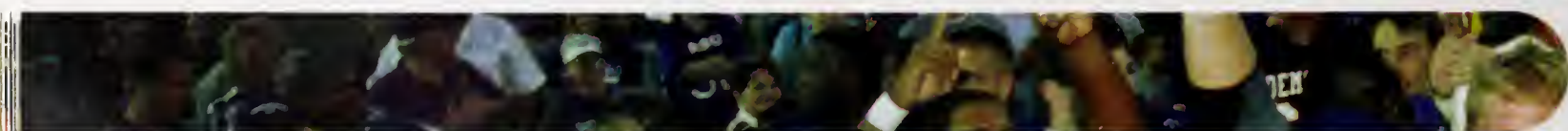
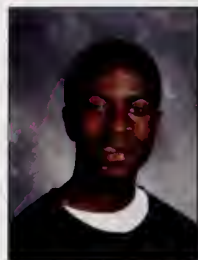
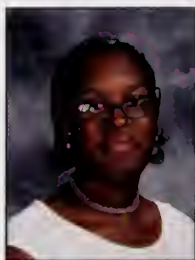
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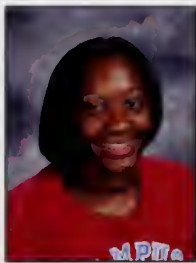
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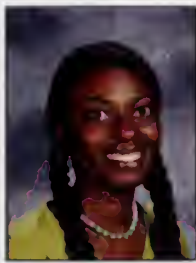
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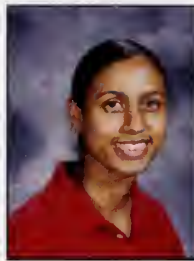
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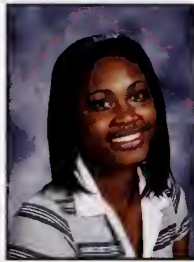
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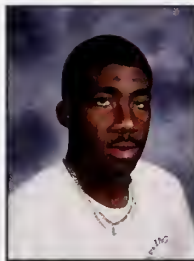
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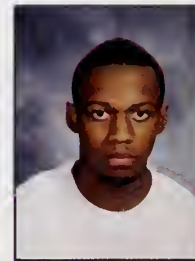
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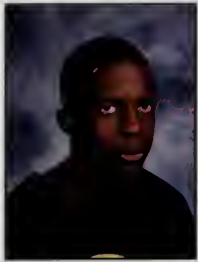


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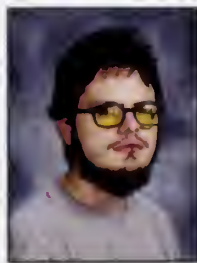
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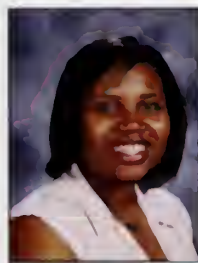
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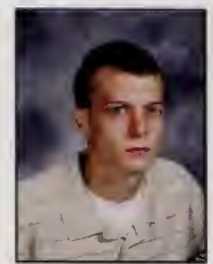
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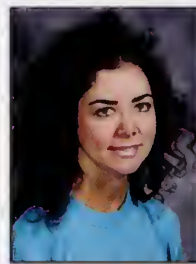
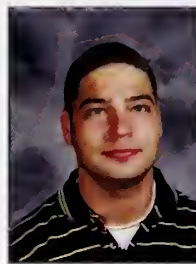
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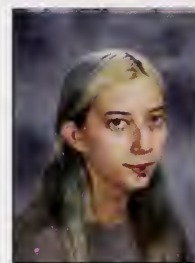
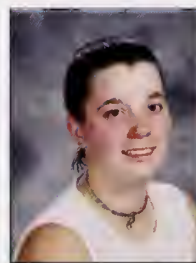
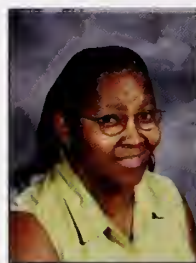
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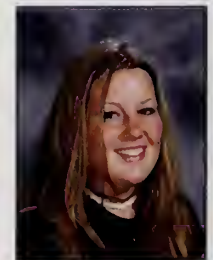
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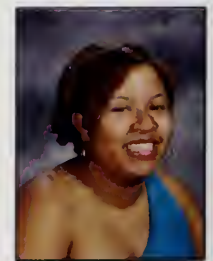
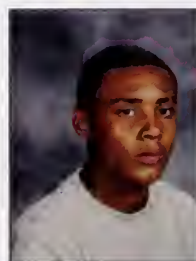
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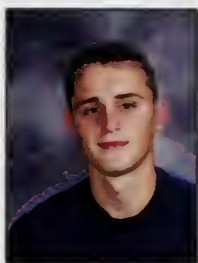


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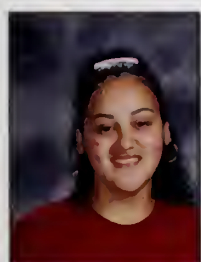
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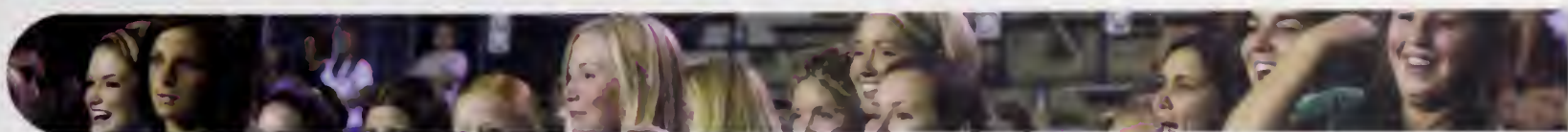
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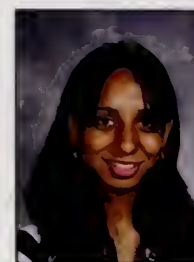
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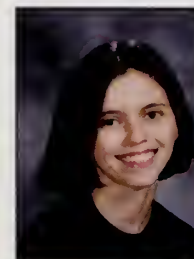
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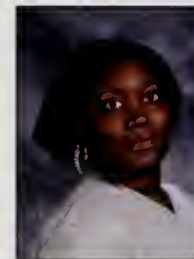
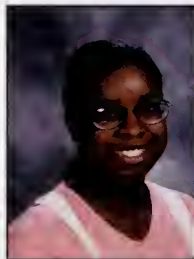
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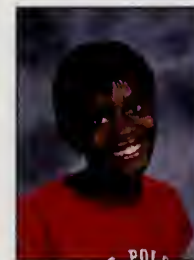
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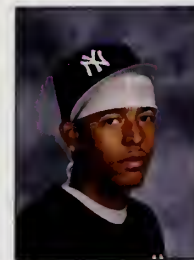
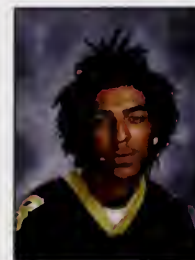
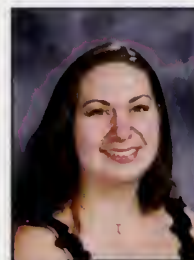
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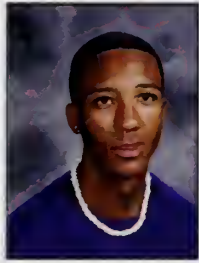


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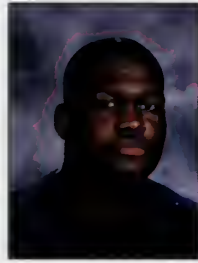
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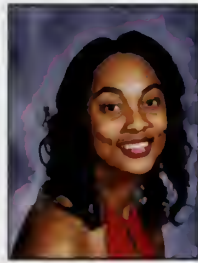
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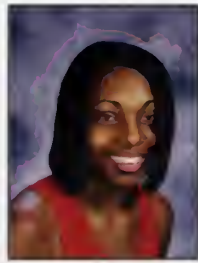
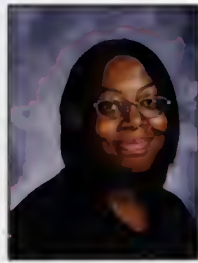
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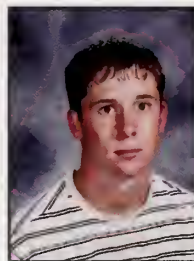
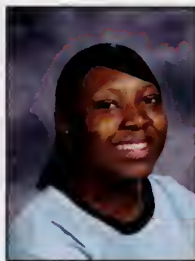
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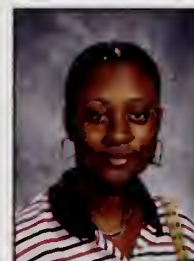
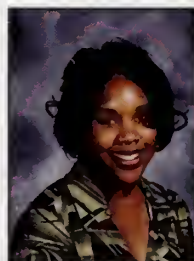
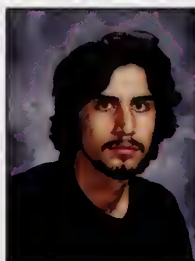
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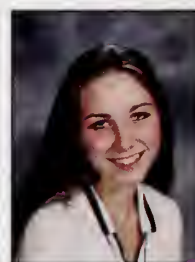
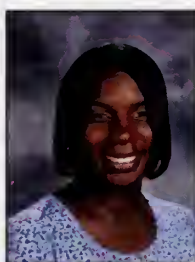
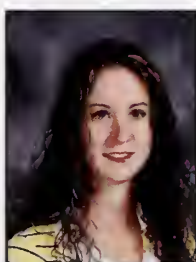
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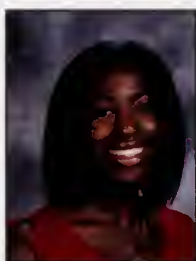
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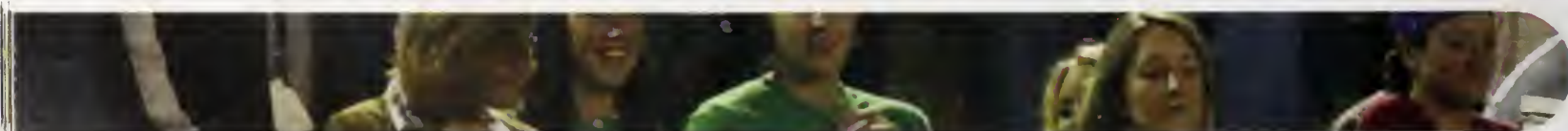
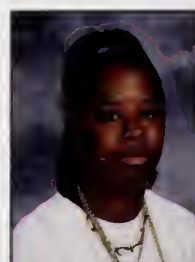
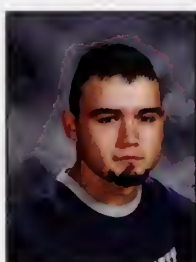
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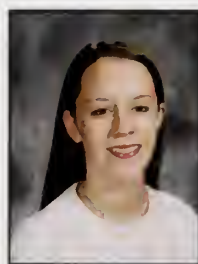


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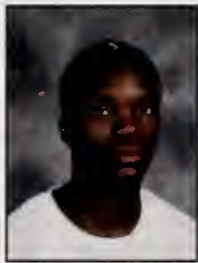




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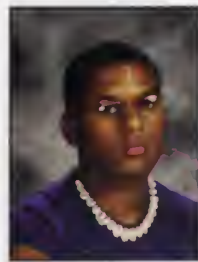
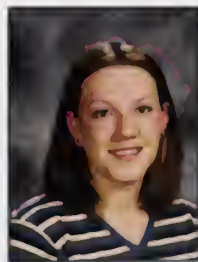
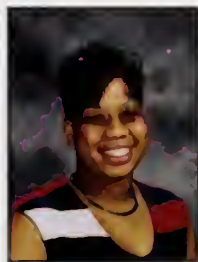
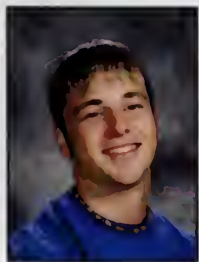
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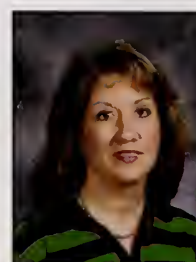
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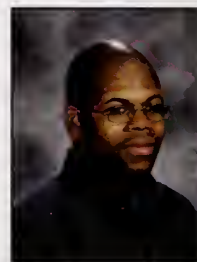
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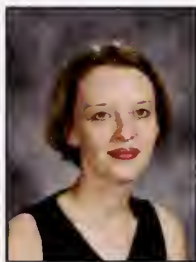
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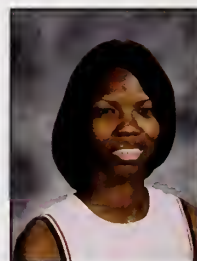
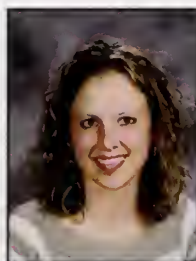
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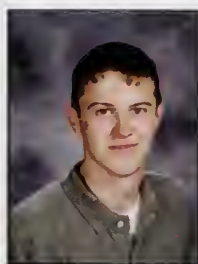
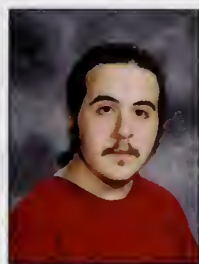


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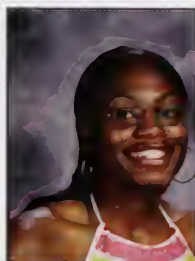


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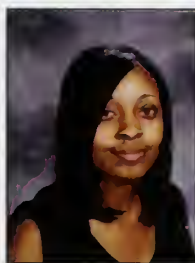




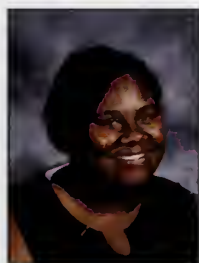
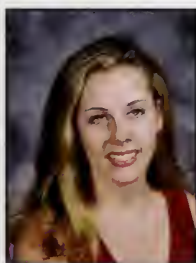
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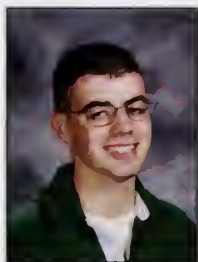
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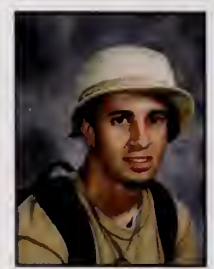
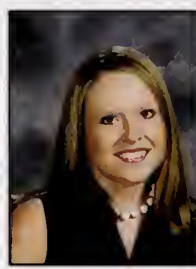
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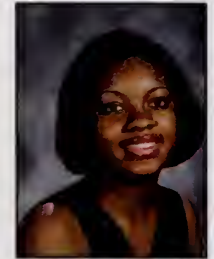
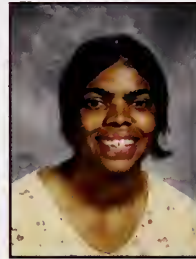
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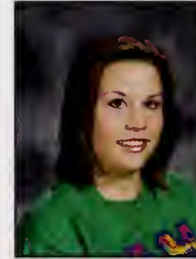
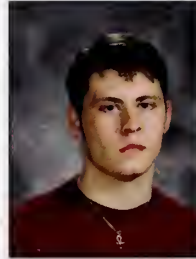
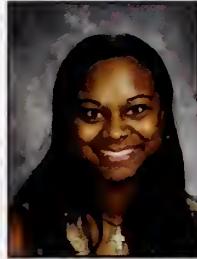
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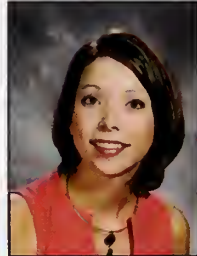
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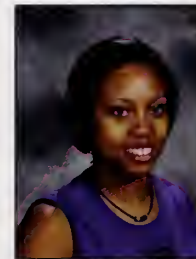
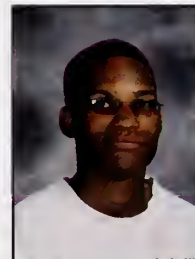
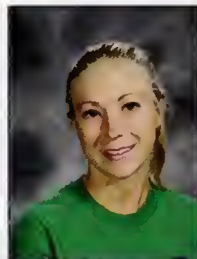
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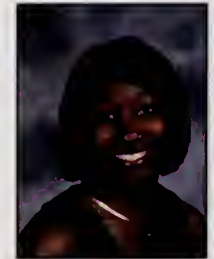
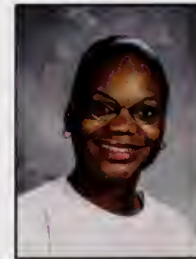
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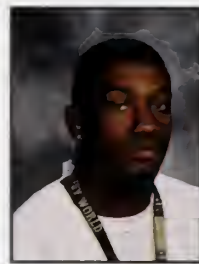


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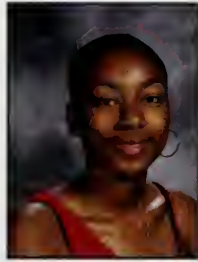
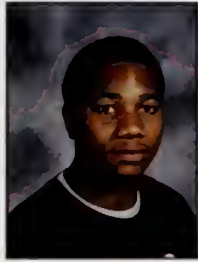


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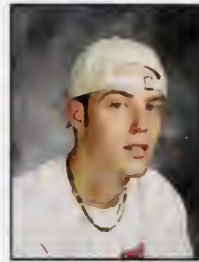
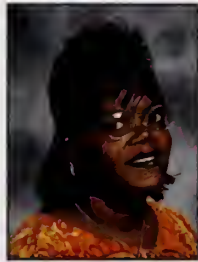




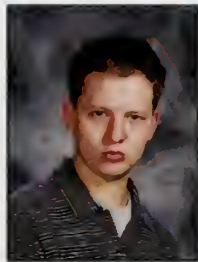
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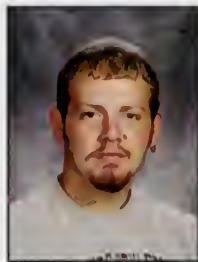
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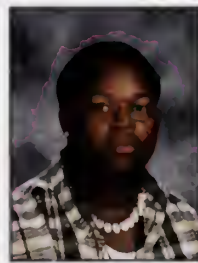
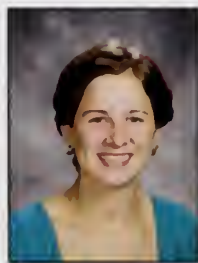
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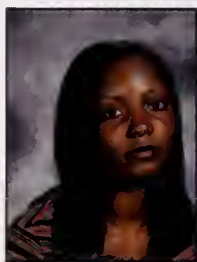
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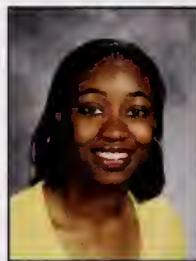
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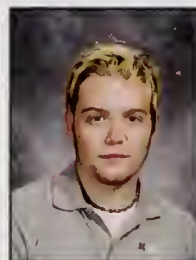
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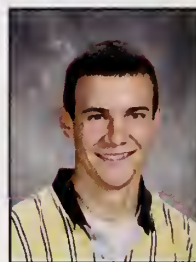
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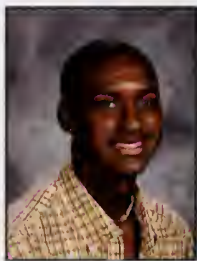
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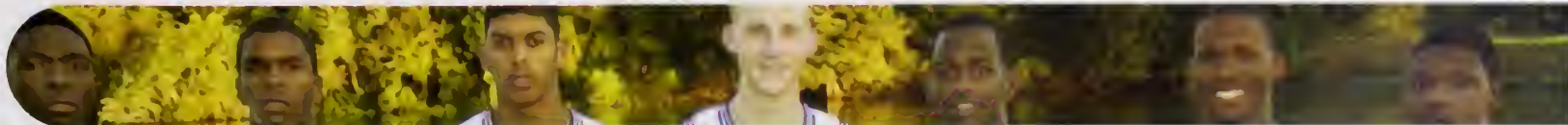
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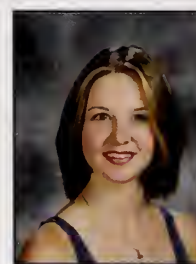
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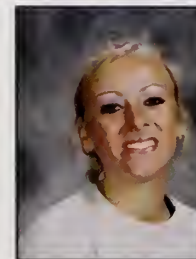
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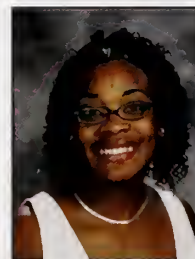
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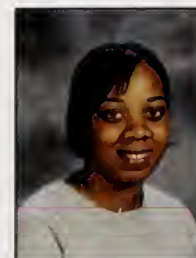
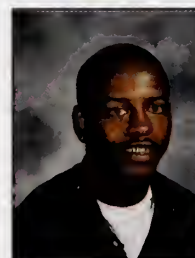
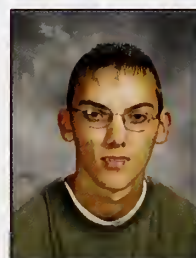
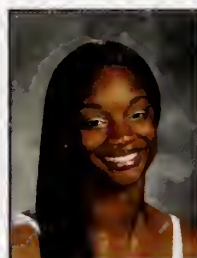
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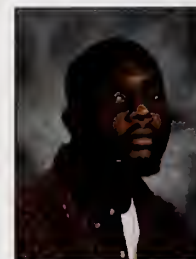
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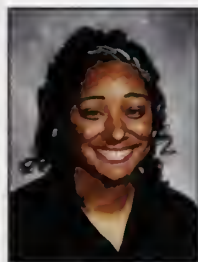
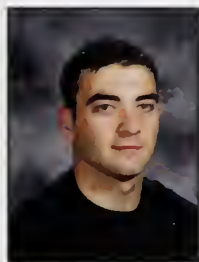


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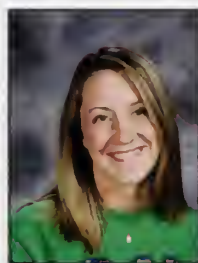


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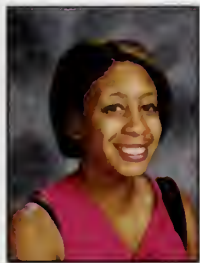
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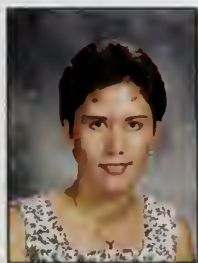
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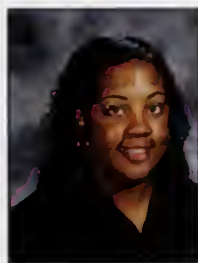
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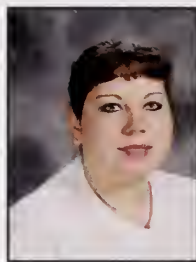
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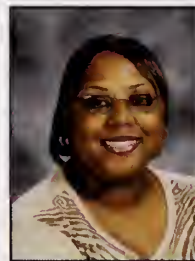
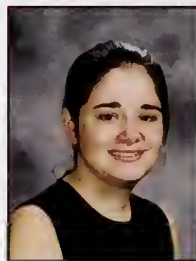
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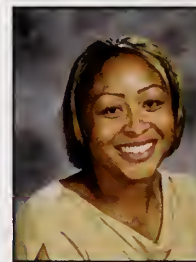
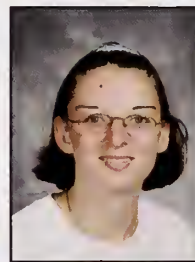
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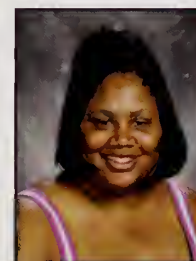
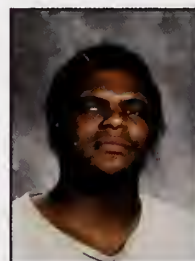
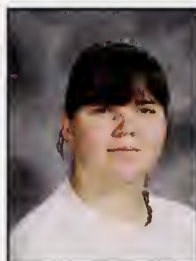
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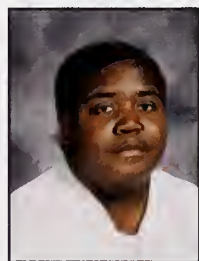
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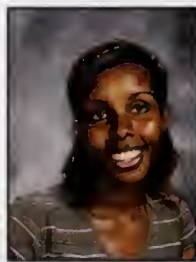
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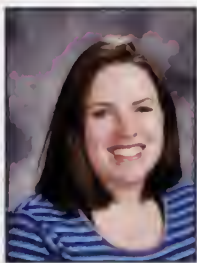
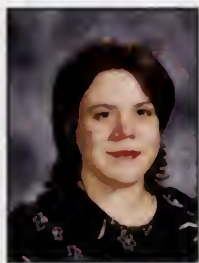
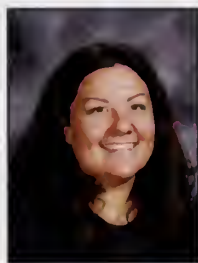
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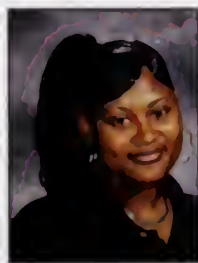
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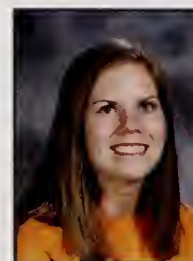
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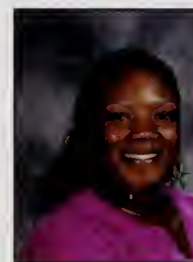
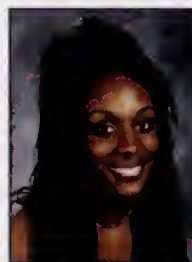
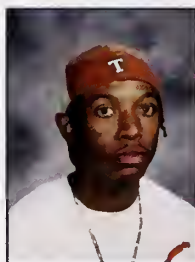
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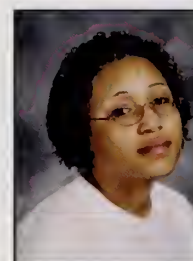
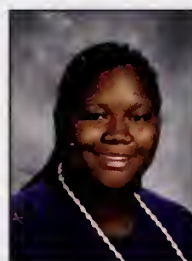
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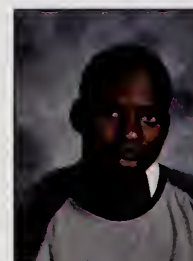
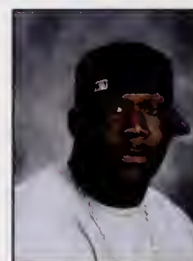
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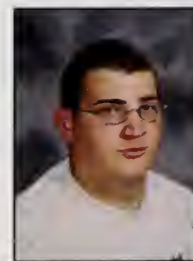
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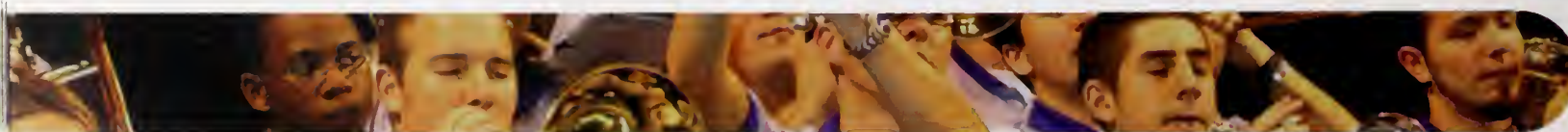
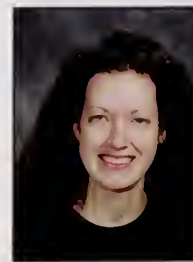
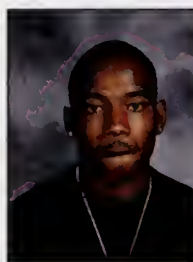
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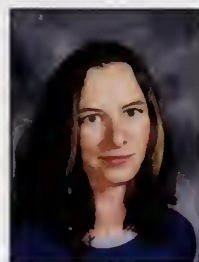


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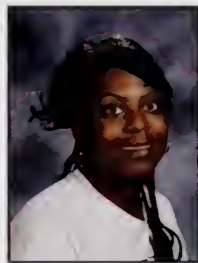




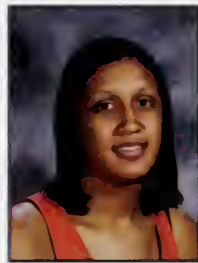
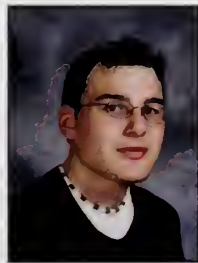
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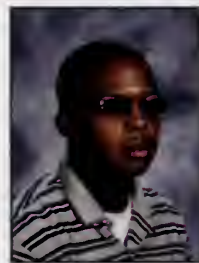
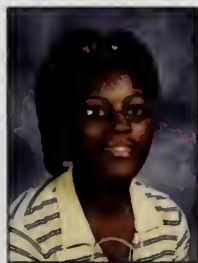
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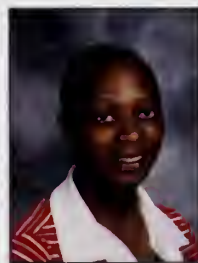
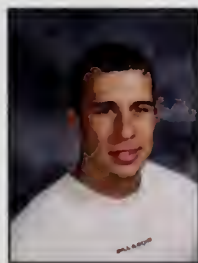
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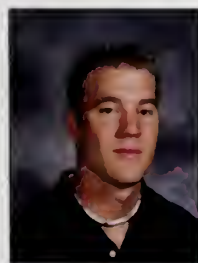
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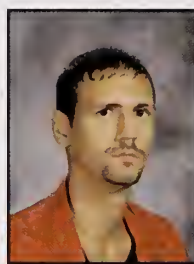
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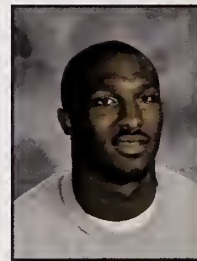
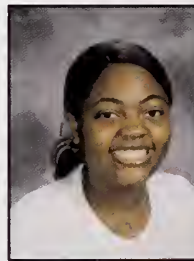
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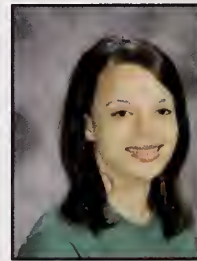
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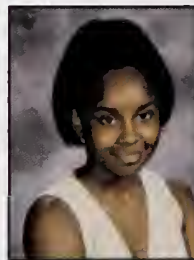
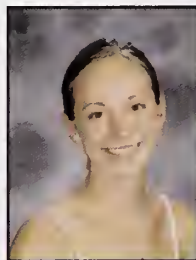
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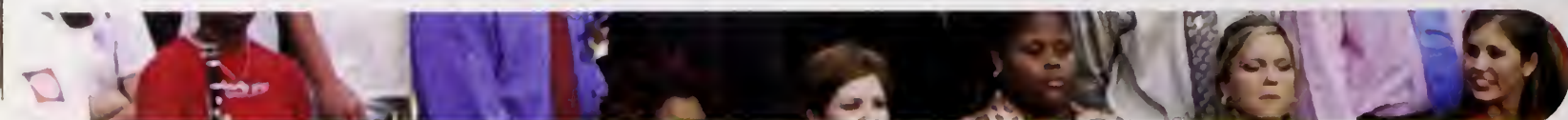
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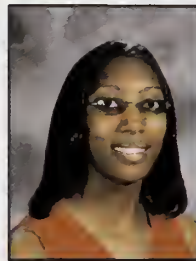
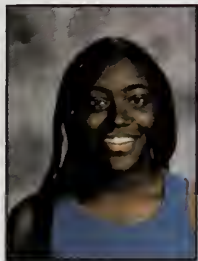


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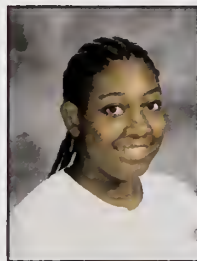




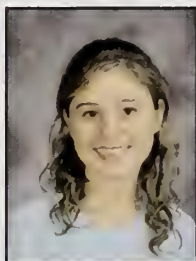
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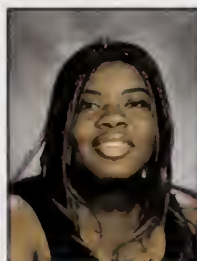
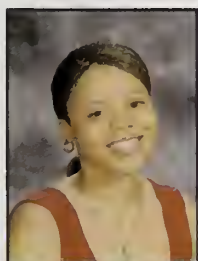
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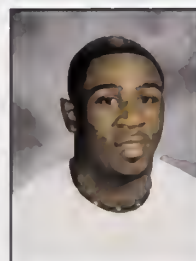
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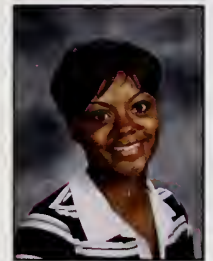
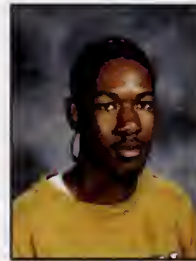
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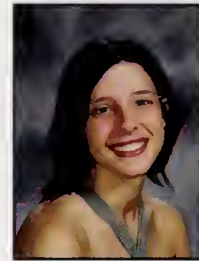
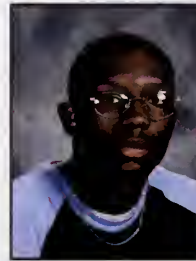
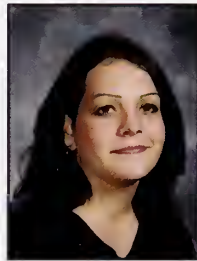
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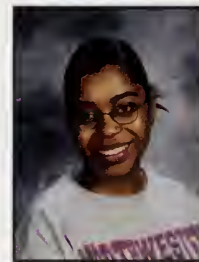
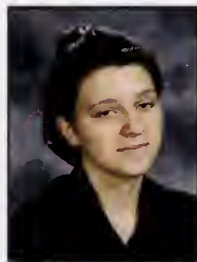
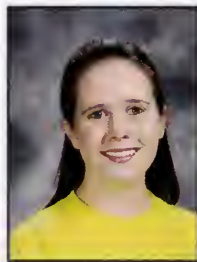
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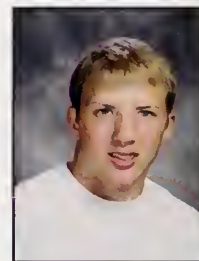
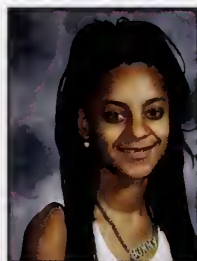
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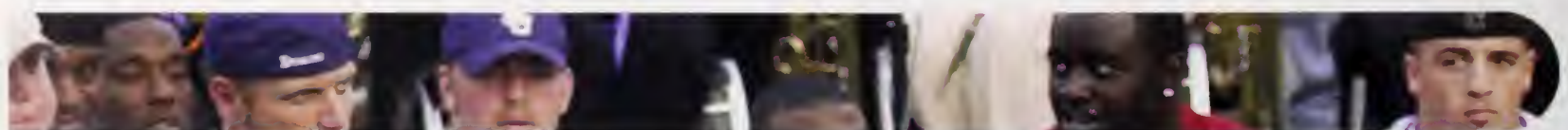
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POTPOURRI SPOTLIGHT:

kristen mclaurin



Kristen McLaurin directs the NSU Marching Band. McLaurin is the first female drum major at the University.

Who would have ever thought that something as exciting as a female drum major could belong to NSU's marching band?

Despite this rarity, senior music education major Kristen McLaurin proved she could hold her own as the first female drum major at NSU. McLaurin performed with two other drum majors, Daniel Collins and Jacob Delaune. She said everyone was extremely motivating and supportive about her position.

Director of NSU bands Bill Brent said McLaurin was always well organized and had all of the characteristics required to be a good drum major.

"We look for good quality characteristics such as dependability, leadership, honesty and warmth," Brent said. "Students like Kristen will come to the top and set a good example for others."

McLaurin said being a drum major at NSU was something she always wanted to do but was afraid that she would not get the position because she is a female.

When she finally tried out, McLaurin was pleased to discover that she gained a new spot in the band.

"It's very exciting and I was completely shocked when I found out," McLaurin said.

Performing band staffer Sametria Samuels said McLaurin is an asset to the band and she deserves to be drum major.

"Kristen is such a nice person with a great

personality, and I think she performs wonderfully," Samuels said.

McLaurin said some of her favorite moments as drum major occurred during the pre-game series because the crowd support was so exciting. One of McLaurin's favorite games was the Northwestern-Southern game.

"I loved the Southern game," McLaurin said. "That was our biggest crowd and just getting out there and watching our band and Southern's band perform was a lot of fun."

McLaurin anticipated the rest of the 2002 season would be lots of fun.

"I'm really excited about the rest of the season because we have some great music and great shows lined up," McLaurin said.

McLaurin believes that anything is possible when one puts his or her mind to it.

"My advice to anyone is if you want to do it, then do it," McLaurin said. "I went in thinking that I had a slim-to-nothing chance and look what happened!"

story by Janie Warren



(winter)



I am Winter that doth keep,
Longing safe a miser sleep;
Who shall say if I were dead,
What should be remembered.
-Sir Burne-Jones



a new REASON for the SEASON

When the Demons hit the floor in the refurbished arena, fans saw what might be the tallest team in school history. Without question, it's the youngest squad ever fielded at Northwestern.

Fourth-year coach Mike McConathy has six players who are 6-foot-7 or taller and three are at least 6-9. He also has the youngest team in all of major college basketball. No NCAA Division I team can compare with NSU's count of 12 freshmen and a first-year sophomore on a 16-man roster.

"There aren't many teams anywhere who have as much size as we do, and I guarantee there's not another team anywhere in Division I that has more new players," said McConathy. "I'd have to think we'll get a fair share of fans who are just plain curious about what they'll see. I know I am."

In February, junior Lady Demon point guard La'Terrica Dobin was named the Southland Conference Player of the Week after her performance for the previous weekend.

Dobin, a Bossier City, native, totaled 32 points, 25 assists and nine rebounds in wins over rivals Texas-Arlington and Stephen F. Austin. In the Lady Demons' 94-74 win over SFA, Dobin scored 25 points and dished out 12 assists to lead NSU. Her 25 points came on 9-of-16 shooting.

A record 133 student athletes made the university honor roll for the fall semester, including 21 who posted perfect 4.0 grade point averages, said director of athletics Greg Burke.

Nine of NSU's 10 sports teams posted aggregate grade point averages of 2.7 or better, said academic coordinator for athletics Julie Lessiter.

"We're extremely proud of the academic performance of our student athletes as a group," said Burke. "A lot of people contribute to their success and I especially want to praise Julie Lessiter, her staff, along with our supporters who have contributed to the Johnnie Emmons Academic Center that provides a great study environment for our student athletes."



The 2002-2003 Demon basketball team is young. Twelve of a 16-man roster are freshmen.

Kalen Mahoney dribbles past a Grambling opponent. Mahoney is one of the many freshmen on Northwestern's 2002-03 men's team.



Demon basketball gets a new court for the 2002-03 season. Water damage ruined the old court last year.





La'Terrica Dobin
drives past UTA
opponent. Dobin is a
strong guard, giving the
Lady Demons an
advantage and a
winning first half for
2003.



State and federal officials remove an unidentified piece of shuttle debris from a forest outside Hemphill, Texas. State police said debris was found in 27 Louisiana parishes, including Natchitoches Parish.



Flags and a wreath decorate a memorial to the late Columbia astronauts in Hemphill, Texas. The seven astronauts were killed when their orbiter exploded above Texas, raining debris across east Texas and western Louisiana.

A wooden cross in east Texas symbolizes the grief of the nation over the Columbia disaster. The Columbia exploded on February 1, 2003, killing all seven astronauts.

Several University students witnessed the disintegration of the space shuttle Columbia on February 1, 2003.

State police said one piece of shuttle debris, about the size of a silver dollar, was recovered in southern Natchitoches Parish. Several more were taken from around the Fort Polk and Leesville area.

Three days into the recovery effort, the Louisiana State Police web site said they found 150 pieces of debris in 27 Louisiana parishes, from Calcasieu Parish in the southwest to St. Tammany Parish in the east.

Senior history major Doyle Barham lives on Toledo Bend Lake near Zwolle, where some of the debris had been raining down. When he heard a low rumble, he thought it was a jet flying low and checked it out.

"I heard this big boom and then it went back to a low rumble," Barham said. "I looked outside and couldn't see anything."

Human remains were discovered about 30 miles from Barham's house in Sabine County, Texas.

"If it would have been 15, 16 seconds later, then pieces would have fallen at my house," Barham said.

Junior journalism major Josh Ault talked to his parents who live in Hemphill, Texas.

"At first they thought it was an earthquake, then my parents saw the debris falling from the sky," he said.

The Columbia's explosion has made everyone aware of the risks involved in space travel, but the thrill of working for NASA has not been dulled for sophomore Jordan Smith.

"It's still a lot safer than flying commercially or getting in your car and driving somewhere in the car," Smith said.

Three astronauts died in an Apollo cockpit fire in 1967, and another seven died in the Challenger explosion in 1986. Six Americans and the first Israeli astronaut in history manned Columbia when it exploded.

Smith will work with NASA as an intern summer 2003 while he continues to study physics with a concentration on space science.

NSU works with NASA through the JOVE program and the College of Science and Technology. The JOVE program is an NSU-funded research scholarship for chemistry, physics, and biology majors.

"It [the Columbia accident] probably won't affect the JOVE program at all," said Paul Withey, department head for chemistry and physics. "It's an internal scholarship for students."

story courtesy of Edward L. Boudreaux III

tragedy in the sky

Space Shuttle Columbia Explodes over Texas

another

MISCOUNT

Lacey Fletcher is Miss LOB 2003

The results of the 2003 Miss Northwestern - Lady of the Bracelet Pageant conducted on the Northwestern State University campus have been changed because of an error in the tabulation of judges' ballots by an independent auditing firm.

Lacey Fletcher, who was named the third runner up, will become Miss Northwestern - Lady of the Bracelet as the result of the corrected tabulations.

Alicia Schulz, who was announced as the winner, will become first runner up. Ashley Dunham, who was announced as first runner up, will be second runner up followed by Ashley Williams. Sarah Rhodes remains as fourth runner up.

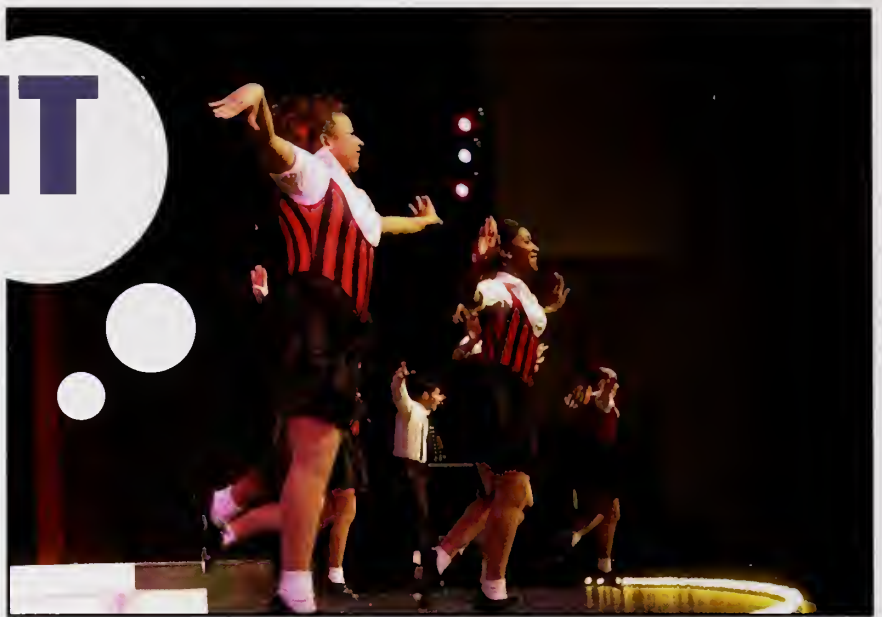
According to Carl P. Henry III, director of student activities and organizations at NSU, a mistake was made in adding up the scores for the interview portion of the competition. Because of the error, some scores were not calculated, which led to a mistake in the results announced at the pageant.

"We deeply regret this error and we realize the impact this will have on several outstanding young women and their families," said Henry. "I express my apologies on behalf of the university and the Miss America organization to those who were affected by the error."

Independent auditors are required to tabulate results at Miss America preliminary pageants.

Schulz will represent Northwestern State University in June's Miss Louisiana Pageant.

"We are grateful to the Miss Louisiana Pageant for allowing Alicia to enter the pageant and represent Northwestern," said Carl P. Henry III, director of student activities and organizations at NSU. "I know this has been a difficult situation for Alicia, her friends and family. She is an exceptional young woman who will be an outstanding representative of Northwestern."



The LOB dancers are always a big hit during breaks at LOB. The dancers perform between contestant clothing changes and competitions.

Casey Crowder hosts Miss Lady of the Bracelet 2003. Crowder is an NSU graduate who was named Miss Louisiana 2002 and competed in Miss America.

Fourteen contestants participate in Miss Lady of the Bracelet 2003. Alicia Schulz was named Miss LOB, Ashley Dunham first runner up followed by Ashley Williams, and Sarah Rhodes. A recount showed the accounting firm in charge of tabulation made an error. Lacey Fletcher is Miss LOB 2003.





For the second time in
over 10 years, the same
club has made it to the
LOB. Alicia Schulz, the
current winner of the
pageant but a junior, is
the first runner-up.
Lacey Fletcher (pink
dress), is actually Miss
LOB. Schulz will
compete in the Miss
Louisiana Pageant in
June as Miss NSU.

a FESTIVUS

for the rest of us

story by Rob Morgan

"Well, here it comes, buddy," I said to my nephew as the Christmas parade came into sight.

"Wow, Uncle Rob it sure is. I can hear it." He screamed back at me, jumping up and down on my white, shaky apartment porch.

Patrick, my nephew, is three years old, and this is his first Christmas festival. My first Christmas fest didn't happen until I was in high school. Though it was still a major event, I am a little jealous of this kid's reaction.

"What's that, Unele Rob?"

"Those are the Shriners. They are a bunch of old guys that drive little cars in parades."

An oversimplified definition I know, but the kid is only three.

"How do they get in them?"

"Lots of petroleum jelly, Patrick, lots and lots of petroleum jelly."

"What?"

"Uh, never mind. Hey, look, it's the NSU Marching Band. You know, buddy, I used to march in this parade, too."

He looks at me as if Jesus just descended down from the heavens and sat atop my shoulders.

"Really?"

"Yeah, I marched with my high school and then with the NSU band, those guys right there."

A past experience that usually fosters a band geek joke or two from peers leaves my nephew dumbfounded.

"Hey, do you see who is coming now?"

"No. Who is it?"

"It's Santa Claus. Look."

Patrick spots the jolly man and begins waving his hands overhead like he is signaling for a jet to land, and then the craziest thing happened. From twenty feet away, through a mass of trees and people, Santa waved directly at my little nephew.

Well, that was the highlight of his life.

"He waved at me! Santa waved at me!"

"Yeah, I saw, buddy."

As Patrick grows older he will cease to believe in Santa and maybe this memory will fade altogether. But this does not bother me because, thanks to one little festival and my little nephew, I possess the greatest memory of my life.

The day someone thought I was actually cool for being in marching band!



Students line Second and Front Streets to watch the Christmas Fest parade. Since the festival is held the first weekend in December, students usually have to face very cold temperatures.

A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity cooks funnel cakes downtown. Christmas Fest allows members of NSU's organizations to work and earn money for them.

Tanks and other military equipment truck through the parade route. The 2002 Christmas Fest's theme was "Spirit of '76 and honored America's veterans."





Hundreds of thousands of people flock to Natchitoches each year for the Festival of Lights. Downtown Natchitoches becomes a sea of funnel cake vendors and Santa Claus hats.

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Sonya Hall belts out a note in the Lifted Voices choir. The organization held many events throughout 2002-2003, including Lifted Voices week that gave students opportunities to explore spirituality.



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Row 2: Aleshia Wilson, Ashley Balthazar, Courtney Hebert, and Lasheka Jacobs



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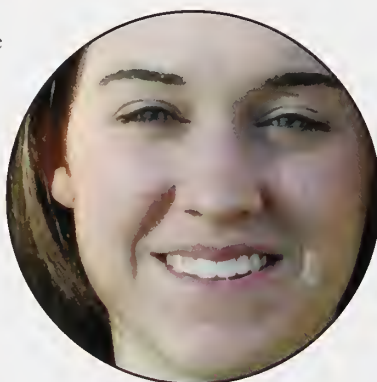
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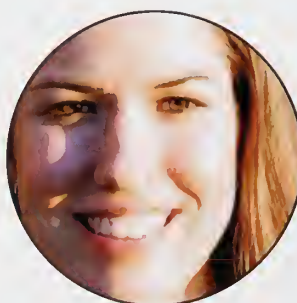
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